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Number of girls who went through Rush Week

102

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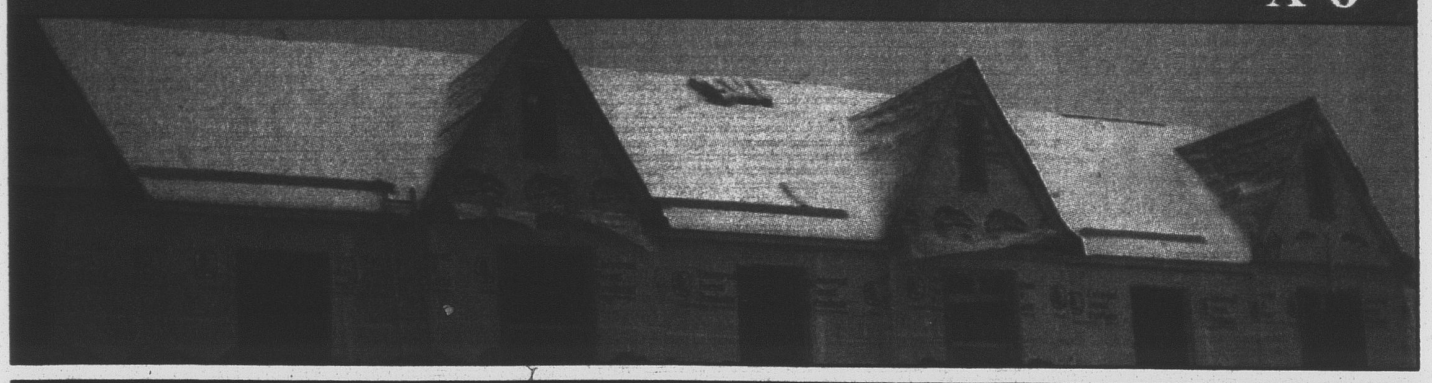

Wide open space

Delays affect dining hall renovation. Page A-6

Faculty asked to withhold textbook information from students before semester starts

By Kathryn Stanley
Campus writer

Buying textbooks online before the semester begins could be a thing of the past if professors are prohibited from giving out book information to students.

At the end of the fall semester, faculty members received an e-mail advising them not to give out book information to students. Dr. Martin, associate professor of history, spoke on the issue.

"Chairs have been strongly urged to ask faculty not to assist students and not to give them the titles and ISBN numbers before the semester begins," Martin said. "I don't want to hurt the students, but I want to honor the policy at hand."

Kay Galanski, the bookstore's textbook buyer, reported that the e-mail did not come from the bookstore. In fact, she had not heard anything about it but said sales were normal.

"Freshmen usually get all of their texts here in the fall, and we see a little of a decline every spring due to swapping of books and sales that happen elsewhere," Galanski said.

As questions arose at faculty meetings about what to do on this matter, it was decided that professors had no obligation to honor the request of each student. Dr. Wastvedt, chair of the English and public relations department, said that employees were confused as to the responsibility they owed the students.

"The number of requests for ISBN numbers that the faculty receive can be frustrating, and they were looking for a little guidance on how to respond," Wastvedt said.

Students and faculty members agree that they do not want to see the bookstore suffer from the upgrades in what can be done with technology, but they know it is the students' rights to buy their books from wherever they choose.

"It's the students' choice to shop wherever they can get the best deal," Galanski said. "We just want students to get the correct books, because everything changes up until the very last minute."

Questions have been raised as to why there is not another system set up so students can choose where to purchase their books prior to the weekend before classes begin.

"We pay so much for a good education, and it is not right that they want to monopolize on book sales, too," sophomore Stephanie

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Sororities gain new members

By Amy Schillinger
Campus writer

Campus sororities had their hands full January 17-21 when 102 nervous, yet excited women went through this year's Formal Recruitment and Pick-up Day.

The recruitment process started in December when women interested in joining a Greek organization signed up by completing a short application and paying a $13 fee.

80 freshmen, 18 sophomores, one senior, and three transfer students signed up at the start of the week.

Parties were then held by every sorority each night to get to know the interested girls. During lunches the next day, the excited women were given individual invitations to come back to the sorority's party that night.

The girls anxiously attended all five sororities' parties the first night, four the second, three the third until final night when they were to attend only two parties. After the two parties on the last night, the "soon to be sisters" made their way to the chapel to make their final decisions.

"Women should consider joining a sorority", Director of Recruitment Jen Ramsey said "It has taught me about leadership, friendship, and community among many other important skills that can be used for a lifetime"

Filled with vibrant colors and an excited group of fraternity brothers, Orr auditorium was the location for Pick-up Day 2006. Cheers could be heard all over campus as the women going through recruitment were presented to their new sisters.

The sororities welcomed their new girls by taking pictures and spending time together to strengthen their newfound sisterhood. Alpha Gamma Delta received 16 new girls, Kappa Delta 16, Phi Mu seven, Sigma Kappa 16 and Zeta Tau Alpha 16.

"The key to having a good recruitment is having good recruitment counselors", Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne said.

Each sorority must provide two representatives to be recruitment counselors. Recruitment counselors pick up the girls outside their dorms each night and provide assistance by answering any questions that new women may have.

To be fair, they must not wear their sorority's letters and try to keep which sorority they belong to a secret.

"It was hard to send all of my sorority's clothing home because I felt like I wasn't a part of them anymore." recruitment counselor Marissa Cantanzarite said. "But getting to help so many girls was well worth it."

According to student affairs's records, 30% of women and 26% of men were members of Greek organizations on campus last fall. With this semester's pick-up, these numbers are likely to increase.

"For the girls who didn't get picked up, they shouldn't be discouraged", Ramsey said. "You can still get picked up in the fall."

The recruitment process is never-ending. Since each sorority can have up to 65 members, they will have open recruitment until they fill their quota.

The sororities will have more informal parties in the spring. Those interested in Greek life should visit the student affairs office for more information.

opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

My humps My humps My humps!

I like how I was fine eating in Ecuador for 2 weeks, but one day eating in the TUB makes me violently ill.

It is a moral abomination to edit my Rant & Rave.

You can find someone who will love you as much as you love all your little round mirrors.

Christmas songs are now acceptable since Thanksgiving is over.

Ouch! My hand is trapped in the Rant & Rave box and it can't get out!

Hey what about the other Texans- they need to print a retraction.

There are a ton of teeny little freshman on this campus.

Some sing like sun cream

Nobody looks at the bottom of the box anyhow.

That's what you get for singing "My Humps" all the time!

What a dubious conundrum!

She was droppin' names like a baby eatin' Cheerios!

I really don't care if you're apathetic.

You, in the red truck, will have your day, and I will be there to point and laugh at you.

If smog is smokey fog, is smug a smokey thug?

Hooray for cannon fodder!

Bantha poodoo?

You poured me my pain in a dirty glass!

Oh my, I made it out of the TUB in less than 20 minutes!

I want to shake the hand of the man who invented the fax machine.

Hockey > football

I liked you more before you changed.

You know, what you just did is illegal in 43 states.

Adding "humble" to a sentence makes it so much more angsty.

Them's fightin' words!

The ones that you love are the ones that you left behind.

Stop talking and kiss me.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Forum for your thoughts

1942 - 2006

Once a month, the editorial staff invites a member of the campus community to share his or her own experiences involving the college's traditions as another vehicle for perceptive discourse on this leading liberal arts campus. This week, Coach D. Scott Renninger Jr. speaks about a dear contemporary, professor and friend.

Bill - "Doc" - Friend

Somewhere around 1978, we met this rather slight and not-very-athletic-looking fellow with an impish grin and hair that reminded us at first of The Grinch from Dr. Seuss's story. He certainly wasn't timid or as shy as his demeanor might lead one to think, and behind his microphone he might even have been considered a "terror." One never knew what was or might be coming out of his mouth (nothing ever derogatory or spiteful to anyone, though).

As time went on, and semester moved to semester, athletic season to athletic season, we got to know each other well. He was a baseball fan; I was the Titan baseball coach. He was a champion of students; I love the opportunity to share students' lives, too. And we both shared the "scorer's table" at basketball games: I ran the clock and scoreboard, and Bill announced (and ad-libbed comments) at the games.

Bill became the Sigma Nu advisor, and shortly thereafter, I agreed to advise the Inter-Fraternity Council. Greek life was huge in the 80's, and because of the sheer numbers and very unique way our campus interacts among the Greeks, we faced many situations. Some were fun-some not-but always with the students' best interests at heart. He got to be very close with many of the brothers and with many of his students. His office, house, time, and life were ALWAYS available for a conversation, "fireside chat," discussion or solving a dilemma. He simply did not want to or know how to say "no."

It was during this time frame that Phyllis and I were raising our family. Bill was an occasional guest at the Renningers' for conversation and a meal. He enjoyed our children, and they enjoyed him; it was quite evident his calling was to work with young people, and he excelled with the college-aged student.

"Some might have considered "Doc" eccentric, but really what is eccentricity? As a coach, I'm driven to succeed! Not at all costs, but to produce the highest quality possible. Bill was driven to produce "writers": young scholars in search of proficiency in the art of expression. He, and his wonderful colleagues in the English Department, did this and did it superbly. Bill was possessed to give all he could to any and all that sought it. His students were everything and certainly the most important thing in his life.

Now, one might say, because of the love of his job, he was an "easy" grade. Not so! He was as objective as one could be. You earned what you received and received what you earned!

As for his work as the "Titan Announcer," well, let's just say it was different. As mentioned earlier, one never quite knew what to expect. He did have some "favorites," and they perhaps received a bit more "air" than others, but nothing was more important than the Titans. When I coined the name "BEEF" in July 1986—the moniker that became the name of the Offensive Line for the next 13 years—Bill embraced it, too. Seldom did a game go by that "The BEEF" weren't lauded for their often unseen labors in the trenches as the Titans rolled to a string of 8 consecutive years in the playoffs, 10 of 11 seasons there with 3 National Championships with 2 runners-up.

Oftentimes I would cringe as he was introducing the entrance of the team because no coach wants a bigger target on their back than a champion already has, but Bill was so proud of the players and the Titans that he let everyone know who was #1. And he made sure everyone within his voice range "Remembered the night [game] they played the Titans!"

And that glorious December day in 1988, as my late Dad came racing out of the stands with my daughter Angie, and 2 sons, Scooter and T.J., we all stood with tears of joy, hugging on the field as we tasted for the very first time what it felt like to be a National Champion. There was Bill hollering over the P.A. system over and over again, "The Titans are the National Champions!" His voice and that moment are forever etched deeply into my mind.

In the later years, after Doc's retirement, we kind of drifted apart. We didn't see each other as often or spend frat meetings talking together as often, but my wife and I would occasionally have him over for dinner. He helped T.J. (Moped) with writing, and we shared football and baseball talk. These were good times, too.

I last sat with Bill on Wednesday, Jan. 4 as the Titan men's basketball team beat Thiel. We (my wife and I) left 3 days later for a national conference. We missed his viewing and service. But I know Bill wouldn't mind our absence. He wouldn't want to have seen the lumps in our throat or the tears in our eyes. He lived life; he espoused life; he was about life and helping enrich the lives of others. He was about the Titans.

And so, my friend, thanks for your friendship (he would sometimes tell me I was one of his favorite coaches on the staff and give me an occasional "peck" on the check). Thanks for sharing yourself with all of your students and friends. Thanks for always being there when someone needed something, and "Thanks for the memories."

So long until we meet again,

Scooter

Call for Ideas

All last semester, Kathryn tried to convince Colin to write a column on something computer-related.

He has finally given in, but really does not know what the students are interested in reading about computers.

Colin is thus open to ideas.

What do you want to read about?

Podcasting?

Blogging?

The wonders of Google?

Free or open source software?

Internet acronyms?

Jack Thompson?

Reasons to buy a new computer and sell your old one?

Send your serious ideas to Colin or to *The Holcad*.

Colin will not even consider writing about TitanNET, so do not suggest it.

Want to write a letter to the editor? Here are the rules.

Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters must be submitted by email to *The Holcad* by 12 p.m. Tuesday to make the Friday issue. **All letters must be limited to 400 words, typed and include the author's name and a phone number for confirmation.** Letters must be free from offensive language, personal attacks and libelous or potentially libelous statements. *The Holcad* reserves the right to reject any letter. No letter will be edited when factually incorrect or in need of contexual clarification. Rather, an editor's note will be included. Grammar and spelling errors will also not be corrected. Opinions expressed are those of the author. **E-mail letter to: holcad@westminster.edu.**

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More opinions from around the campus

Welcome Back! Work in progress!

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

It's good to be back. We're a week into the semester and already I'm starting to procrastinate. In fact, a few minutes ago, Colin asked me where my article was for this week's edition of the Holcad. Silly editors.

I hope everyone had a great break and has come back with lots of cool things. We have a long semester ahead of ourselves, and odds are, we're all going to need a little ADD to help us make it to the end. That's where I come in. I'm going to supply you with a little dose of bitter insanity every week until the end of time. Or, well, the end of this semester.

For those of you recently joining us, I'm Bryan. Oh, and this section is called Randomly Yours.

So what's new? Well, the townhouse project is coming along nicely. I have to admit, I was rather surprised to see the buildings had taken shape when I got back to campus. I think they might actually be able to stick to the completion date if they keep up the work. See, it doesn't really affect me if it's done before I graduate or not. I'd just like to be able to see the inside of it sometime before I leave here and become a creepy alumnus. I have a horrible mental image of me sorting through some horrified student's room while they cringe, helpless to someone who is under protection of the school.

Then again, if they're not done I'll probably just shrug and move on with my life. What's the inside of another stupid building?

I was also able to glance into the windows of the dining hall that had gone under renovations as well. It seems that in the past month, they managed to paint the walls. I could be wrong. They might have fixed up the wiring or something like that. But, from all accounts it looks like they just put a fresh coat on the walls.

Oh, I think they mighthave plugged the sewage problem I like to call "Old Faithful." I noticed the offending pipes had been cemented over. The traffic cone and wood blocks were gone! For a while, I actually thought they fixed the bathroom, too. But, I was wrong.

Instead of fixing the toilet that was giving them problems, they just opened the small apartment near the Galbreath laundry room for the public. The two room suite has a small bathroom near the back that has been marked for public use.

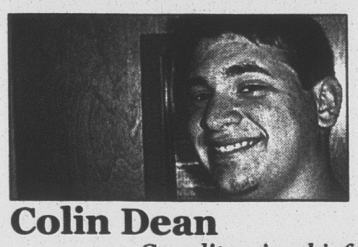
It looks like "Old Faithful" hasn't been plugged, just avoided. Ahh, new semester, same old Westminster.

Anyway, I hope everyone has a very nice, profitable, and wonderful semester free of all that "hard work" and "failing out of school." Keep an eye on your old, reliable school paper. As soon as I break open a new box of Kool-Aid Jammers, I'll get back at all that stuff that you guys love so much. Or, you know, skip over and don't read. Either way it's going to be fun. For me.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

There is no line online

Internet retailers can save a savvy user time *and* money on books



Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

I, a computer science major and writing minor, have not spent more than $120 for any semester since the spring of 2004.

It's something more than tradition which dictates that each class, from first grade through college and beyond, has some sort of textbook.

Fortunately for the students in high school or below, their books are provided. Unfortunately for the rest of us, we have to buy our own books each semester as a new round of classes starts.

It's painful, no doubt, shelling out your hard-earned cash for a book you're likely to never open again after the end of the semester.

One of the first things students ask of their friends in the first days of class sounds a little like "How much did you spend on books?" followed by a figure, which is then followed by choruses of disbelief or jealousy and students trying to one-up each other with their own figures.

Disbelief: my roommate, a physics major and math minor, recalls paying almost $500 for his books last semester.

Jealousy: I, a computer science major and writing minor, haven't spent more than $120 for any semester since the spring of 2004.

How, you ask?

I buy my books on the Internet.

Even though many instructors and professors no longer give ISBNs for their books for one reason or another, there are still many other ways to get at least an author and title that can be used to search online for vendors and other students selling the books you need.

I'll leave it up to you, clever reader, to get the title and author of the text, but I highly suggest asking for a syllabus - most professors put the title, author, and even the edition on the first page.

Once you've got that information, you're ready to head out into cyberspace.

There's hundreds of websites that sell books, but I'll just list a few with which I have had experience.

Amazon.com

Amazon is probably the most well known online retailer. I've found their prices to be in the median among their peers, with the occasional incredibly low price. I've never had a bad experience buying books from them. You'll probably be faced with a multitude of editions, so make sure you know which one to get or which are the acceptable older editions. Use caution when buying a book through Amazon's Marketplace (goods sold by other users), though, since the user could possibly not be as honest as Amazon itself.

eBay.com

eBay, wonder of Internet wonders, rarely doesn't have a book that I've needed. The price is usually the cheapest of all the possible places, but books listed on the auction site are usually used and may have highlighting or dinged up edges, if that matters to you. Most of the computer science textbooks I've bought on eBay are low price editions from eastern countries like India and Malaysia. The content is the same, but the cover is usually different and the pages are of a lighter bond.

Abebooks.com

I've bought two or three books through Abebooks and was astonished by their incredibly quick shipping. I had waited until classes had already started to buy my books, so I needed them quickly. Cheap as I am, I didn't want to get the more expensive shipping option, but I would have wasted my money otherwise.

Pricegrabber.com and Froogle.com

When all else fails, or as a shop-around check, head on over to Pricegrabber or Google's Froogle. Both searche a number of online retailers, including the previously mentioned three, and display the aggregate results. Beware, though, some of the retailers listed may not be as credible as others, so make sure that you read the reviews and do your homework on how they handle things like returns and how quickly they ship.

If you haven't bought anything online before, talk with someone who has. They might offer to buy your books for you (with reimbursement, of course) or help you through your first purchase.

By using your resources, you, savvy reader, can save a lot of money.

Colin is a junior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. He can often be found wandering through the TUB with a cup of chai latte. This semester, Colin saved about $90. He's vowed to spend less money and eat healthier this year, but hasn't found a way to do either without leaving campus for food.

Guest opinion

Sorority Rush

One girl's experience

By Katelyn Polantz
Guest opinion writer

As this year's winter break drew to a close, one of the most understated events of my freshman year of college proceeded to whip my life into complete turmoil and conclude surprisingly nicely.

Just as classes began this semester, so did the grueling process of Sorority Recruitment. And just as I dreaded going back to school after the long holiday, I far from looked forward to rushing a sorority.

What sane young girl would ever want to subject her personality and appearance to the scrutiny of a group of older girls for an entire week, only to be forced to pay tons of money to belong to one of the said groups?

I, along with over one hundred other Westminster women, was truly crazed.

Last Tuesday, the first formal recruitment party took place, where I visited all five campus sororities. For this night, I barely could find the motivation to choose clean, matching clothes. Eventually, I dragged my sleepy self to meet all of the sororities; and thus, the most draining week of my life began.

The next morning, as the first day of classes commenced, the most pressing issues on my mind included: which parties should I attend tonight, what outfit should I wear, and should I even continue with this strange and stressful process of rush. Once again I attended Formal Recruitment, and all four of my chosen sorority parties hosted quite impressive evenings. From skits, to cheers, to snacks, the meticulous Recruitment parties made almost all girls attending giddy with excitement to be a part of a sisterhood. Except for me, of course. I still didn't exactly understand what the big deal was about Greek life!

Thursday night of Formal Recruitment, something in my mind mysteriously turned Greek. Having only three parties to attend, everyone's dress became formal and nerves heightened. After attending my chosen parties, the entire Shaw residence hall was abuzz with girls fretting over what bids they would receive, which group they would fit into, and what dress they would wear on final night. I had become completely caught up in the chaos of it all, and barely slept as I began to ponder this supposed decision that would change my life.

Finally on Friday, the last night of Formal Recruitment arrived, and girls attended two parties before having to choose their top pick for a sorority. With the anticipation of something great about to happen, emotions ran high at the moving ceremonies, where formal traditions and senior girls' touching speeches about their sorority experiences caused tears in all female eyes, including rushees. Every girl at every party felt something special and knew what would come next: ask for a sorority's bid, and hope to be accepted.

Almost without a doubt, we rushees had trouble falling asleep on Friday night. Would we be invited into the sorority we love? Would we find our place at Westminster? Would we be as close as the sisters we saw last night? And most importantly, was all of our clothes shopping for the week worthwhile? After realizing I was about to pledge, I was ecstatic to start my new life.

As my recruitment counselor marched down the hallway of Shaw early Saturday morning, my apathetic feelings from the beginning of the week had become incredible nerves. Soon, I would be a sister. With shaking hands, I opened my bid envelope slowly, and immediately joined the other pledging girls in screaming for excitement: we had all found our sorority homes!

Now as a pledge, I can honestly say that the experience of rush was wonderful. I met so many people during rush, and I have found a new and fantastic group of friends, all of whom are surprisingly similar to myself. With the tolling week of formal rush, I learned a lot about who I am and what type of person I would like to befriend, and I proudly have found amazing new girls through the Greek system. My initial feelings of skepticism had completely morphed into rush anxiety, and finally culminated in complete joy for my years at Westminster. I am ready to be a sister for life. Looking back, I can hardly believe that I ever second-guessed partaking in the ordeal, and when I think of myself questioning, "Why would I join a sorority?" I now know the answer. Why not be a part of something so special!

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Gubernatorial campaigns go racial

Bill Scranton fires manager for calling Swann 'rich white guy"

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Bill Scranton fired the manager of his gubernatorial campaign because of racially charged remarks he made about Lynn Swann, Scranton's opponent for the Republican nomination, during a televised call-in show Wednesday night.

James Seif said "the rich white guy in this campaign is Lynn Swann," according to a story on Capitolwire that the Scranton campaign said was accurate.

Swann, the former Pittsburgh Steeler star, is seeking to become Pennsylvania's first black governor. Scranton comes from a wealthy family and is white.

Scranton fired Seif, an old friend who served in former Gov. Tom Ridge's Cabinet, and apologized in a statement issued just before midnight. He said Seif's remarks "in no way whatsoever reflect my views or those of my campaign."

The show on the Pennsylvania Cable Network also featured Ray Zaborney, a top official in the Swann campaign.

Zaborney responded to Seif by calling his comment "one of the most ridiculous and insulting things I've ever heard in politics."

Seif made the comment while trying to portray Scranton, who served two terms as lieutenant governor in the Thornburgh administration, as a political outsider and Swann as the candidate favored by the GOP establishment, according to Capitolwire.

"I want to apologize to Lynn Swann, his family, supporters and PCN viewers for the offensive and disturbing comments made on my behalf," Scranton said in the statement.

Swann's campaign spokeswoman, Melissa Walters, declined to comment about the remarks Thursday morning.

On Monday, speaking at a Pennsylvania Press Club luncheon in Harrisburg, Scranton said he would stay in the campaign through the primary election on May 16, regardless of whether the Republican State Committee endorses Swann at its Feb. 11 meeting.

Both candidates had been competing for the support of state committee members in hope of capturing the endorsement, which can be an important stepping stone toward the nomination. Swann, a former Pittsburgh Steelers star, has shown surprising momentum in informal voting among state committee members in the central and northwest regions of the state.

Scranton seized the offensive after Swann made it clear that he would not debate Scranton and a third candidate, Jim Panyard, until after the endorsement vote.

National

Bank standoff

California bank siege ends peacefully; suspect in custody

EXETER, Calif. (AP) - A 10 1/2-hour bank siege ended early Thursday when police tricked the gunman by giving him cigarettes, then rescued his final hostage, who had been dragged back inside after an unsuccessful dash to safety.

The suspect, identified as 47-year-old Jess Martinez, was taken into custody, police said. The woman, the last of eight hostages held inside the bank, was unharmed, authorities said.

"It's a great conclusion to a very long incident," said Tulare County Sherriff's Lt. Keith Douglas. "This is a great ending for everybody involved."

The suspect asked officers to leave a package of cigarettes at the bank door, Douglas said. When he sent the hostage to retrieve them, SWAT officers grabbed her and pulled her to safety, he said. Another group of officers burst into the bank and grabbed Martinez, who gave up without a struggle, he said.

The siege began around 5 p.m. Wednesday. Police said the suspect entered a Bank of America branch in downtown Exeter and demanded money. He took eight people hostage after employees alerted police, but released three customers within 10 minutes, Douglas said.

Margie Riportella, who with her baby daughter was among those first released, said the man was carrying a briefcase and appeared to be unstable. She said he kept all the hostages in the middle of the room.

"It was totally weird. He was 'out there,'" Riportella told the Visalia Times-Delta.

Dozens of Tulare County Sheriff's Department SWAT team members, FBI agents and police officers surrounded the building. They also evacuated most of the downtown area in Exeter, a San Joaquin Valley city of about 10,000 residents 150 miles north of Los Angeles.

After about three hours, the suspect released another hostage _ a female bank employee. Another was released around 10:15 p.m. Then, after midnight, the remaining three hostages, all female bank employees, tried to run out the front door. Two escaped, but the last woman was grabbed and pulled back inside, police said.

At one point, the man asked for a car, authorities said.

During negotiations, some of the hostages were able to call family members, authorities said. The hostages were "very visually upset but very relieved," Douglas said.

International

Journalist kidnapping

U.S. military confirms imminent release of Iraqi women

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The U.S. military said Thursday it would release five Iraqi women detainees, a move demanded by the kidnappers of an American reporter to spare her life. A U.S. official said the release had nothing to do with the kidnappers' demand.

The women will be freed Thursday and Friday as part of a release of 419 Iraqis to be freed after officials concluded there was no reason to keep holding them, said Lt. Col. Guy Rudisill, spokesman for the U.S. detention command.

Armed men abducted Jill Carroll, a freelance reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, on Jan. 7 in Baghdad and threatened to kill her unless all Iraqi women prisoners were released.

The U.S. military confirmed last week it was holding nine Iraqi women. On Thursday, however, the military said it had detained two more women and three men for alleged insurgent activities in the northern city of Mosul.

Detainees are regularly freed in Iraq following reviews of their cases, a process that can take months, and U.S. officials have said the upcoming releases were part of the routine procedure and not linked to Carroll's case.

Iraqi Deputy Justice Minister Busho Ibrahim Ali said five female detainees were expected to be released Thursday from the Camp Cropper detention center on a U.S. base near Baghdad International Airport.

Ali said the women would be brought to the heavily fortified Green Zone, where the Iraqi government and U.S. Embassy are based in Baghdad, and handed over to a senior Sunni Arab political leader and received by their families.

Detainees are usually transported from detention centers to a Baghdad bus station or to towns near their homes and let go.

Siham Faraj, the mother of one of the women to be freed, said she was waiting anxiously to see her daughter and hoped it would lead to Carroll's safe release.

"We are happy and we thank God for this blessing," said Faraj, whose 28-year-old Hala Khalid was arrested with her brother on Sept. 24 during a dawn raid by U.S. forces on their Baghdad home.

"I call upon the kidnappers of the American reporter to release her because she is as innocent as Hala," Faraj told The Associated Press. "I wish the Americans would stop random arrests. We only want peace in this country."

Santorum on Iraq

Senator Rick Santorum will announced his proposal this week to create an independent commission to examine future progress in Iraq. He will also discuss his assessment of the Iraq War and what should be done to establish a stable democracy. The senator wrote a letter to President Bush asking to create the commission. Over 100 Pennsylvanians have died in Iraq, trailing only Texas and California in the number of casualties.

Westminster SID will lead PAC

Joe Onderko has been named the first full-time executive director of the Presidents Athletic Conference. For the past eleven years Onderko has served as the Westminster College Sports Information Director. Onderko will leave Westminster to accept the newly created PAC position on July 1. Onderko will be responsible for all conference administration and public relations duties. The conference will open an office in Wexford, located in the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

Sheetz holds grand opening

A new convenience store celebrated its grand opening last week. Sheetz Incorporated in New Castle (Neshannock Township) is hosted an all day open houseThursday, January 12th. A ribbon cutting ceremony included prize giveaways and free samples of Sheetz menu items. The company also made two $2,500 donations to New Castle and Neshannock High Schools. The Neshannock location opened December 29th.

Weaver's

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. Identify the company Disney announced this week it is buying for $7.4 billion.
a. UPN
b. Time Warner
c. Pixar Animation Studios
d. Dreamworks
e. Sony

2. What is a reason Penguins star and owner Mario Lemieux cited for his retirement this week as a player?
a. Financial reasons as he's selling the team.
b. He could no longer play at the level that I was accustomed to in the past.
c. He is starting a new career as a sports announcer.
d. He's moving back to Canada.
e. He wants to give his other players the spotlight.

3. How many times have the Pittsburgh Steelers played in the Super Bowl?
a. 3
b. 4
c. 5
d. 6
e. 7

4. Identify the name of the new student housing complex under construction on campus.
a. Berlin Village
b. McKelvey Manor
c. Lake Brittain Court
d. Titan Towers
e. Lincoln Hall

5. Identify Lawrence County's new District Attorney.
a. John Bongivengo
b. James P. Epstein
c. Randa Clark
d. George Freed
e. John Hodge

6. What's the name of the new television network Viacom and Time Warner are partnering to create as the two media companies agreed to merge UPN and the WB.
a. The New & Improved WB
b. UWB
c. The CW
d. CBS-TW
e. WWE

7. Which automobile manufacturer announced this week it would cut 25% of its North American workforce in an effort to restructure?
a. Ford
b. GM
c. Honda
d. Toyota
e. Daimler Chrysler

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Campus News

No Alcohol

Handbook rewording clarifies long-standing rule

By Jaimee Davis
Campus writer

If a change can be made to make student life and residence life staff life easier, student affairs wants to make that change.

Such is the case with the most recent clarification to the Handbook for Students. A sentence was added to the handbook to specify which alcohol-related items are prohibited on campus.

"We made the clarification to make the jobs of the residence life staff easier and so that students would know what was and was not allowed in the dorms and on campus," Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman said.

In his Dec. 21 and Jan. 18 emails to the campus, Edman pointed out both the original and the new clauses to Item 15: "Violations," found on page 32 of the student handbook.

The original text of the student handbook read: "Possession, storage, furnishing, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus."

Edman quoted the above original in his emails and then added the following, which is the new clause: "Additionally, items used specifically for the mass consumption of alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer bongs, kegs, party balls, etc.), whether empty or not, are not permitted on campus."

Edman, Camille Hawthorne, John Lechner, Molly Mistretta and Matt Shaffer agreed to clarify the original clause after many years of uncertainty on the part of both the residence life staff and the student body.

Although he did not cite any specific incidents, Edman said that there have been cases over the years of RAs - particularly at closing times - not knowing what to do in certain situations.

"Over the years, kegs were problems, which turned into problems with party balls, then with beer bongs," Edman said.

According to Edman, the specification was made so that students were not surprised, particularly at mid-year.

"RAs are meant to be helpers, not police," Edman said. "It's not healthy for RAs to feel like they must police their halls, yet we also don't want students to feel like this is a capricious act to steal from their rooms."

The goal of the rule against items such as beer bongs, kegs, and party balls is to reduce paraphenalia for binge drinking.

"We want to reduce binge drinking, which is a danger to students' health and others," Edman said.

Edman and the rest of the student affairs staff consulted staffs at institutions similar to Westminster before making the clarification.

"By law, we don't need to include the e.g.'s," Edman said. "This isn't unusual; what is more unusual is not explicating better the e.g.'s."

The new sentence is not a new rule. As Edman pointed out, the student affairs office merely wanted to explain what the rule had always intended, but never bluntly stated.

"Had we made an actual change to the handbook, we would have consulted the President's office and other groups as well," Edman said.

The new sentence is not a new rule. As Edman pointed out, the student affairs office merely wanted to explain what the rule had always intended, but never bluntly stated.

Edman did say that items such as beer mugs or shot glasses, which many students purchase from the bookstore, are allowable items.

"As far as I'm concerned, they're just a differently shaped glass," Edman said, referring to beer mugs, wine glasses or shot glasses.

Many students are satisfied with the policies in place, particularly since it allows them to have shot glasses or beer mugs with sorority and fraternity letters on them. Senior Lauren Stang is one such student.

"I understand the school not wanting us to have objects used for mass consumption of alcohol. That seems logical to me," Stang said. "As long as they don't mind us having the cute classic stuff, like shot glasses and other collectibles or party favors, I am cool with the policy."

This does not apply, however, if there is liquid in the glass. In an effort to save RAs the effort of dealing with those who may put liquid in a shot glass or beer mug as a joke, Edman will tell the RAs to write up people with liquid in such glasses.

"I will tell the RAs to not even bother sniffing the glass," Edman said. "They should write up the student and let the student explain what was in the glass to someone else."

Edman explained that he is not trying to limit freedoms of students. Instead, he wants people to use common sense.

"Why put it out there and insinuate that drinking was going on?" Edman said.

For students who violate this policy, a set fine is in place.

According to Westminster policy, an underage student who violates this rule will receive a $75 fine, while a student who is 21 or older will owe $50. Edman added that the fines increase with each offense.

"We're trying to minimize recidivism, or repeat offenses," Edman said.

Edman and the rest of the student affairs staff are the adjudicators following a judicial hearing. They receive the recommendations and decide the punishment from there.

"If we find that this is not just social drinking, but is a problem for the student, we may add a drug and alcohol evaluation intervention, require the use of the Alcohol 101 software at the health center or otherwise try to get the student help," Edman said. "Usually the student is hateful at first but thankful after."

The residence life staff has not yet received updated training to include the information from the new clause. The residence life staff received specific training regarding drug and alcohol paraphernalia on Tuesday, Jan. 17, but they only learned of the change via the email that the entire campus received.

"The less gray areas with res. life, the better," senior and RA Jacklyn Fair said. "It makes our job easier, which is what Dean Edman was trying to do, but it should have been brought up to us [the residence life staff], especially since we had training so recently."

The sentence will be added to the online edition of the Handbook for Students and discussed during freshman orientation, when the freshmen will receive a hard copy of the handbook. Handbooks are also available in student affairs.

"It is a rare occurrence that this is a problem, but at least this answers questions," Edman said. "If utensils for irresponsible drinking can be avoided, then it is good for students."

Edman added that the policy does not apply to off-campus housing.

"We will let the police deal with that," Edman said.

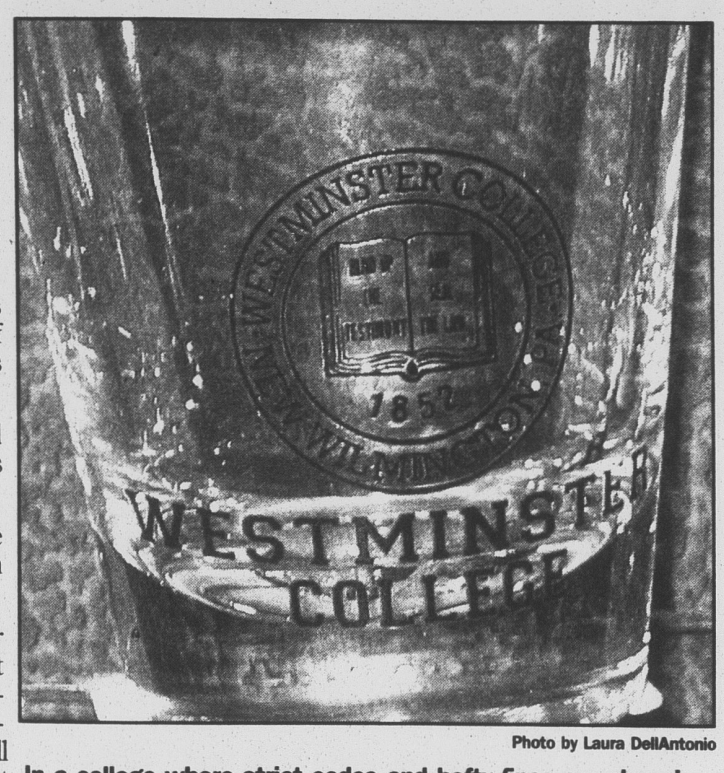

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

In a college where strict codes and hefty fines are placed on alcoholic beverages, surprisingly shotglasses highlighting our colleges name are on sale in the campus bookstore.

Online

Professors asked to not give textbook ISBNs to students

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Boyle said.

Due to the booklist's coming out the same day that the bookstore starts to sell, students say there is not always enough time to receive books by mail when they order cheaper ones online.

"A lot of schools, such as California University and Thiel, are setting up their Web sites so that when students know their schedule, they can look it up online and find the books they will need for that class weeks before school starts," junior Kimberly Nester said. "This gives students ample time to order them online and have them by the time they get to school."

Sending e-mails is one of the ways students have used technology to interact with professors. While some feel it is time to refurbish the process of which we sell texts, others think it is just another unneeded step in the process.

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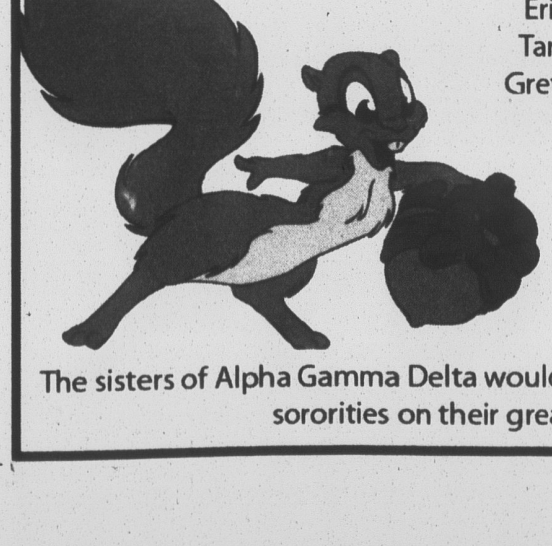

The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta would also like to congratulate all the other sororities on their great pick-ups this year!

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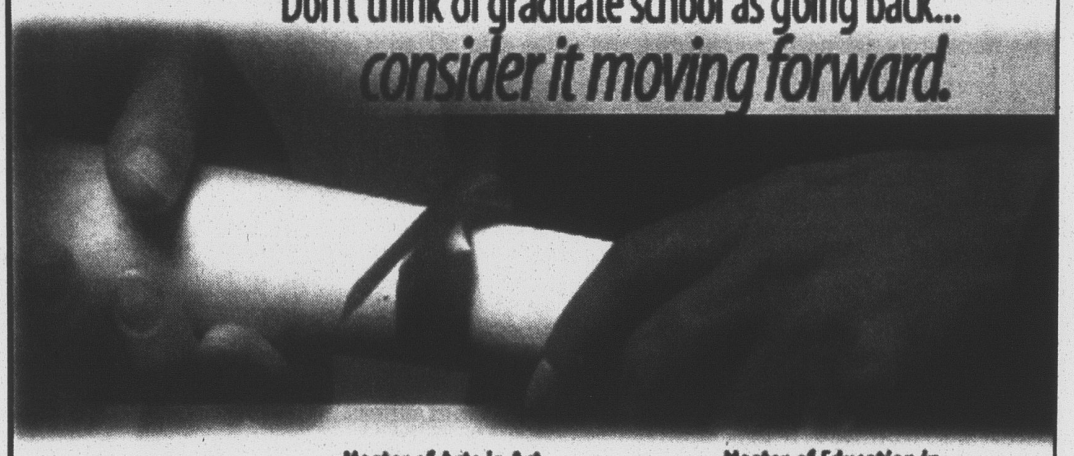

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Campus News

Berlin Village progressing quickly

Winter weather stalls plans but construction still on schedule

By Christine Line
Campus writer

Although harsh winter weather is known as a common cause for construction delays, it has not been a problem thus far for the continuing construction of the townhouses.

Despite a slight delay resulting from cold temperatures during November and early December, Dean of Student Affairs Neil Edman said the construction workers' progress is on schedule.

Technology and modular pieces have allowed the construction to progress rapidly

"We have been really lucky with the weather this winter so far," Edman said. "The workers had to try to keep the ground soft in November and December, and it has been raining a lot in January, but they are doing extremely well."

The construction is about a third of the way completed. Most of the rough utilities have been completed, except for the water line. Construction workers will begin boring into the ground for the geothermal heating network in less than a month. Insulation, roofing, and gutters will follow.

Edman has been meeting monthly to discuss the townhouses' progress with a group that includes a faculty member, a student, college representatives, and architects. Edman said the group spent a lot of time discussing environmental impacts that the townhouses would have on the surrounding area. He is also currently communicating with the borough concerning the water line. If there are not any other significant delays, Edman hopes the townhouses will be completed by July 1.

Applications for the townhouses for the 2006-2007 school year will be due in February. The selection process involves consideration of three criteria: the number of semesters that the four potential students have lived on campus, judicial history, and class level. Cumulative GPA may also be considered in the event of a tie. Edman anticipates that most of the townhouse residents will be seniors.

A Dine 500 plan will be required because of the existing contract with Sodexho. Vice President of Finance and Management Services Ken Romig worked with Edman and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Molly Mistretta to develop the townhouses' financial aspects.

"We created the Dine 500 meal plan in order to appease parents that want to make sure students get at least one real meal a day, and many other colleges follow a similar meal plan in this situation," Romig said. "Students will have fewer meals and need to take that into account, but we tried to make the townhouses as affordable as possible."

Junior Brittany Thomas hopes to take advantage of the new townhouses, and she thinks the meal plan is not a problem.

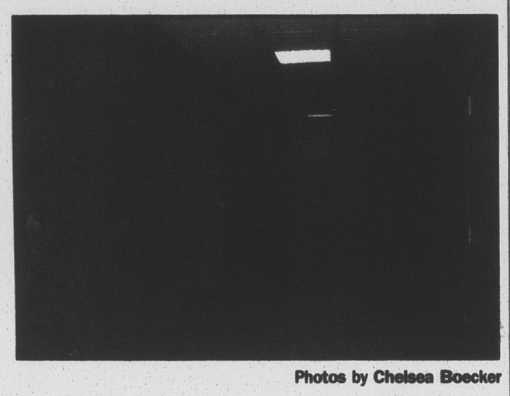
"I would be excited to get out of the dorms and have a little independence, and I would be able to cook my own food," Thomas said. "The meal plan is also helpful, because there will probably be times when I would not be able to cook my own meal and would need to eat on campus."

Photo by Katie Chandley

Huff! Puff! And I'll blow your house down. Townhouses maybe jostled by the big bad wolf: winter weather but according to all sources this isn't a plan made out of sticks or straw.

Physical plant director Owen Wagner hopes that students will be impressed with the townhouses, particularly because they offer single-room privacy with a group-living apartment style. Wagner said the furnishings and details of the buildings will make Berlin Village an attractive place to live.

McGinness Dining Hall to re-open Feb. 13



Photos by Chelsea Boecker

The inside of the McGinness Dining Hall has been given quite a facelift. The remainder of the necessary cabinetry and seating will arrive Jan. 30, with a planned re-opening on Feb. 13.

By Jeremy Lawler
Campus Writer

Remodeling of the McGinness Dining Room continues nearly one week after its scheduled re-opening.

Set to open its doors for business after the end of Christmas break, the McGinness Dining Room met a delay in its renovation. Jeff Creveling, food service general manager, has seen vast progress in the construction this past week and is excited for a grand re-opening on Feb. 13.

"We are getting excited for the re-opening and hope to bring more people from the TUB," said Creveling. "We want to offer something nicer for our all-you-can-eat menu."

As with most remodeling projects, the McGinness renovation started later than originally planned. Delays in shipping, interruptions due to the Christmas holiday and the finalization of the plans have pushed back the project's opening date. Delivery of the new cabinetry for the buffets and booth style seating is scheduled for Jan. 30. Painting of the dining room is complete and the installation of new carpet and wood flooring still continues.

According to Creveling, the delay in the McGinness Dining Room renovation has not changed the budget. With the remodeling of McGinness nearly complete, Duff Dining Room may also see a much needed facelift of new carpet and paint in the near future.

"We are trying to get through this renovation first," said Creveling. "If it takes off we may look into it."

With the renovation nearing its final stages, students will have to get used to entering the dining hall through a new entrance.

With the entrance now located at the south side of the building towards Old 77, students will no longer be permitted to enter through the Galbreath residence hall. The Galbreath entrance to Duff Dining Room will be closed to increase security and to lessen the number of students who walk through Galbreath for both the lunch and dinner hours. Sophomore Galbreath resident Brittany Rosko admits that she will have to adjust to the changes.

"It's going to take some time to get used to going through the new entrance," said Rosko. "It will certainly be less convenient for those of us that live right there."

Other students, such as junior Amy Gregg, are excited to see the changes that have taken place and are eager for the dining hall to re-open.

"I'm looking forward to the TUB being less crowded," said Gregg. "I have a feeling that these renovations will attract more and more students to McGinness for lunch and dinner."

Until the scheduled Feb. 13 re-opening, Sodexho will continue serving meals from the Duff Dining Room side.

Students say giving is better than receiving

Black Student Union donates time to worthwhile family

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

This past Christmas, Westminster students brought joy to a family in need.

Members of the Black Student Union (BSU) held a raffle before break and raised more than $500 to help a family in Youngstown have a memorable holiday.

Junior Joselyn Parker met this family of seven children this past summer while working at a park. The children had moved with their mom from Akron to Youngstown recently and had barely anything to their name. Though they had nothing, their mother volunteered at Parker's father's youth center each day and the kids always had high spirits.

"Their presence is so magnetic. They are always so happy, and to know a little bit of what their lives at home were like made me realize, if there's anybody who needs something, it's this family," said Parker.

Realizing that these children would have nothing for Christmas, the BSU decided to help.

The organization decided to raffle off a stereo and use the money to buy the children, whose ages range from five to fifteen, Christmas gifts. Thanks to the great support of the campus community, the children received bicycles, clothes, toys, hair products, an E-Z bake oven, a kitchenette and a DVD player.

Five students from the BSU personally delivered the gifts to the children at 8 a.m. Christmas morning. Akesha Joseph, president of BSU, Angela Duckett, vice president, Alexis Harris, Jenyce Batchelor, and Joselyn Parker arrived in Santa hats and awoke the children with a ringing bell.

This act of kindness brought shock to the children and extreme gratefulness from them and their mother. One even remarked that is was the best Christmas she had ever had and that she would never forget it.

However, this family was not the only one to be touched."It made you realize the fundamentals of Christmas. It's about giving," said Duckett. "It shows that the little things really do matter…I'm different now because of it."

"It's an amazing feeling to know that you've impacted someone's life," said Parker.

The students are just grateful for receiving so much help from the campus that they could help a family have a truly unforgettable Christmas.

The BSU welcomes all students to join, regardless of race, who are interested in service and diversity issues. Meetings this semester will be held Tuesdays at 5:30 in MCC 255.

Contributed photo

This past Christmas, the Black Student Union helped make this Youngstown family's holiday a little brighter.

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Friday						
High	49	47	42	36	34	38
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Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:37 a.m.	5:32 p.m.
Saturday	7:36 a.m.	5:33 p.m.
Sunday	7:35 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
Monday	7:34 a.m.	5:35 p.m.
Tuesday	7:33 a.m.	5:37 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	6:24 a.m.	3:03 p.m.
Saturday	7:18 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
Sunday	8:01 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
Monday	8:36 a.m.	7:08 p.m.
Tuesday	9:04 a.m.	8:28 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 29	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 21

Weather History

A five-day blizzard began Jan. 27, 1966, around Oswego, N.Y. Accumulation reached 102 inches with 50 inches falling on Jan. 31 alone.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	43	32	s	48	33	pc	46	33	r	41	27	sn	36	25	sf
Butler, PA	44	30	s	51	36	pc	49	34	r	42	27	r	38	24	sf
Cambridge, OH	49	30	s	53	34	pc	48	33	r	46	30	r	39	27	sf
Canton, OH	43	30	s	49	33	pc	46	33	r	41	28	sn	37	25	sf
Cincinnati, OH	52	35	pc	54	39	sh	52	36	r	44	29	sh	39	27	c
Clarion, PA	43	30	s	46	32	pc	44	34	r	42	28	sn	35	23	sf
Clarksburg, WV	50	30	s	54	35	pc	48	34	r	46	35	r	41	26	sf
Cleveland, OH	46	36	s	48	35	pc	44	33	r	40	29	sn	34	27	sf
Columbus, OH	50	34	pc	50	36	c	52	34	c	46	30	r	37	28	sf
Cumberland, MD	49	30	s	53	34	pc	50	35	r	49	34	r	42	28	sf
Erie, PA	43	35	s	46	32	pc	39	30	r	35	23	sn	30	22	sf
Franklin, PA	45	30	s	46	32	pc	45	32	r	43	28	sn	35	23	sf
Greensburg, PA	46	34	s	52	36	pc	52	36	r	47	35	r	40	26	sf
Greenville, PA	41	33	s	48	34	pc	44	34	r	42	29	sn	35	22	sf
Grove City, PA	45	31	s	49	36	pc	47	34	r	43	29	r	36	23	sf
Hagerstown, MD	46	29	s	56	38	pc	51	38	r	51	31	r	38	28	r
Indiana, PA	46	33	s	51	37	pc	50	39	r	48	33	r	41	27	sf
Jamestown, NY	44	30	s	44	31	pc	40	30	r	39	27	sn	34	21	sf
Kittanning, PA	43	32	s	51	35	pc	47	38	r	46	26	r	40	26	sf
Lisbon, OH	47	33	s	50	35	pc	47	34	r	42	29	sn	36	24	sf
Mansfield, OH	45	34	s	47	34	c	50	33	r	40	28	sn	35	24	sf
Marietta, OH	53	31	s	56	37	pc	50	39	r	47	34	r	41	29	sf
McKeesport, PA	44	30	s	52	36	pc	49	34	r	42	27	r	34	24	sf
Meadville, PA	44	32	s	47	34	pc	41	35	r	42	29	sn	34	23	sf
Morgantown, WV	49	32	s	54	38	pc	52	37	r	44	29	r	36	25	sf
New Castle, PA	46	33	s	50	35	pc	48	35	r	43	28	sn	37	23	sf
Oil City, PA	46	32	s	48	33	pc	45	33	r	42	28	sn	36	24	sf
Pittsburgh, PA	44	30	s	51	39	pc	49	34	r	42	27	r	36	24	sf
Sharon, PA	44	33	s	50	33	pc	46	34	r	42	27	sn	35	21	sf
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Steubenville, OH	47	34	s	52	35	pc	49	34	r	44	29	r	39	27	sf
Uniontown, PA	47	31	s	53	34	pc	49	36	r	47	35	r	40	26	sf
Warren, OH	46	33	s	49	34	pc	47	34	r	43	30	sn	35	22	sf
Washington, PA	48	29	s	51	30	pc	47	34	r	44	33	r	40	25	sf
Waynesburg, PA	49	31	s	53	33	pc	49	35	r	46	34	r	40	26	sf
Wheeling, WV	48	35	s	53	35	pc	48	34	r	45	31	r	39	27	sf
Youngstown, OH	46	33	s	50	33	pc	47	34	r	42	29	sn	35	20	sf
Wooster, OH	45	31	s	47	33	pc	42	32	r	42	27	sn	35	24	sf
Zanesville, OH	52	31	s	54	35	pc	49	34	r	45	31	r	39	28	sf

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Swimming with the Fishes in Florida

By "Huey" Hothem
Staff writer

Two of the nation's best Division III swimming teams trained in Florida's sunshine over winter break. Westminster's Men's team, currently ranked 17th according to collegeswimming.com, and Women's team, currently ranked 22nd, spent ten days training hard to prepare for the PAC Championship in early February.

"We earned our nice weather," junior swimming sensation Ryan "Boston" Trunk said. "Five or six hours of working-out each day prepares us for the mere seconds of our PAC races, but those seconds will give us the edge against our competition."

Yet such a trip does not come cheaply.

"We started fundraising for this year's trip as soon as we got back last year," Captain Patrick Smith said. "We host 2 swim meets for high school students, teach swim lessons, and our main fund raiser is from swim camp during the summer, while a lot of our funds also come from former alumni and friends of the program."

Yet, the training trip allowed for some down-time, and to comply with NCAA regulations, the swimmers were allowed one day off. "We trained really hard, but we also had fun too," junior Emily Staniszewski said. "On our day off many of the boys spent the day on a boat while others relaxed on the beach. We also visited local restaurants, a dog track, went shopping for fun and spent quality time together as a team."

Distance-swimmer Seth Senior looks forward to the PAC championship and feels confident after all the hard work.

"With this being the hardest training trip thus far in our team's recent memory," Senior said, "I would not want to be Grove City or Washington & Jefferson."

Contributed Photo

The Swim team takes a break from practices for a picture in Florida.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Some serious shoes to fill

Westminster's Sports Information Director, Joe Onderko, must have an awful time shopping for shoes. He'll leave behind a pair so big they most assuredly will never be filled.

The Presidents' Athletic Conference recently announced the hiring of Onderko as its first ever full-time executive director of the conference.

His responsibilities will not only include writing conference press releases, compiling statistics, planning of several media day events, but now Onderko must coordinate scheduling, file NCAA paperwork, and oversee the most recent idea of expansion. He will also remain the driving force behind the conference website.

"It's a chance to build something new, and that's very appealing to me professionally," Onderko said.

So, when Onderko departs for his new, plush office in Cranberry, what will Westminster possibly do?

"I have no doubt they will have somebody in – and they won't even miss a beat. I can name nearly a dozen of my former students that could come back and do this every bit as well, if not better than I can," said Onderko.

Onderko, 35, has been in charge of all public relations and information duties of the conference since 2001. During his 11 years at Westminster, he earned 12 national publication awards, highlighted by three "Best in the Nation" honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Onderko, steadfast in his praises for Westminster, said that family played an important role in his decision.

"My hours were so crazy. I'll still have some of that, but a lot less. I think it will certainly provide me with more time for my daughters, which is extremely important," said a glowing Onderko.

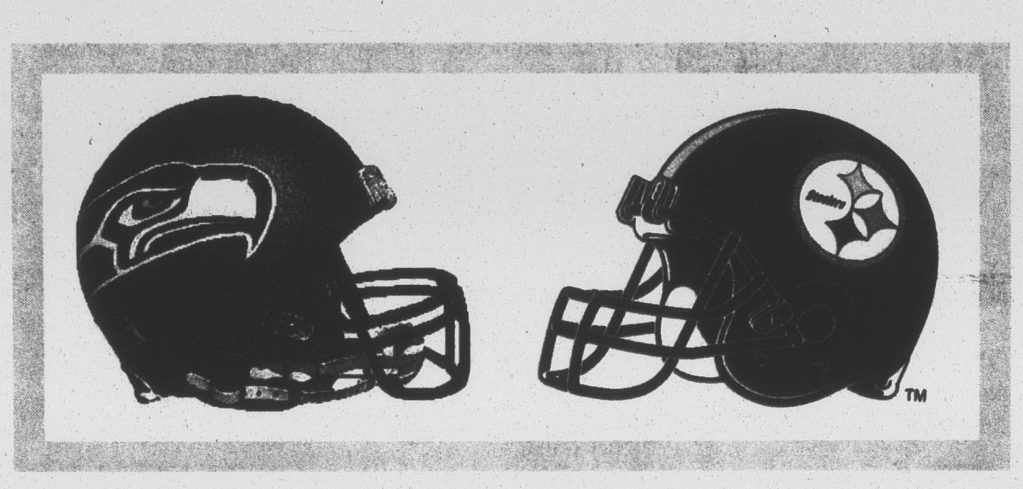
A native of Jamestown (PA), Onderko grew up only a stone's throw from Thiel College. He and his wife, Pam, reside in Wilmington Township with their two daughters, Erin and Lauren.

Good luck shopping.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Super Bowl XL... *Steelers or Seahawks?*

By Tom Heath
Sports Writer



To the delight of many on campus, the Pittsburgh Steelers will be returning to the Super Bowl after nearly a decade of waiting. After some scary moments in the late season as to whether or not the Steelers would even get a wild card, they proved against all odds that a low seed can make it to the big dance even if it means not seeing your home field the entire post season. Even though they had impressive victories against the Bengals, Colts and Broncos, this is no time to breathe easy for the team from the Steel City. The Seattle Seahawks will prove to be a very tough challenge for Pittsburgh. Both teams are so evenly matched, it's hard to get a feel for which team will have the upper hand.

First, take a look at the quarterbacks. The Seahawks are led by Matt Hasselbeck, while the Steelers have Ben Roethlisberger. Both are very impressive, especially in post-season play. Between the two, they have a combined 126 attempts, with only one interception (which was by Roethlisberger) where not even a throwing error is to blame. Expect big things out of these two players, as they have two of the best completion percentages in the league. The only area where Roethlisberger lacks even a little is in experience. However, both spread the ball around to different players well, are very patient and know their respective systems extremely well.

Like the quarterbacks, the defenses are also neck-and-neck. Both teams' defenses made plays when they were needed, and Pittsburgh's tough D has without a doubt carried them through the playoffs. Both teams have very impressive run defenses, but both also have a weak secondary and pass coverage. Either team could run into problems on defense with the abilities and patience of Hasselbeck or Roethlisberger. The Seahawks and the Steelers both like to control the pass attack of their opponent by applying massive amounts of pressure by blitzing. Another key to victory for either team-the establishing an effective running game early-is where I feel there is the only advantage between these two juggernauts.

Finally, if the Steelers want to win this game and revenge the last Super Bowl loss in 1996 to the Cowboys, they will need to stop Shaun Alexander. This could be a very difficult task. Dick LeBeau has been up to the last thus far, stopping three impressive offenses in the playoffs. Now they face the NFL MVP. If the Seahawks plan on winning this game, they need to score early and often. This high-powered offense cannot get into a defensive battle if they plan on being champion. Even though many on campus will be very upset...I have to go with the Seahawks. They've played consistently well all year. Even though Jerome Bettis is going home to Detroit to play what could be his final game, I just don't think the Steelers have seen a complete team like this thus far. Maybe I'll be wrong, but I just have to stay with my instincts on this one.

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Desiree Sterling tied her career high 26 pts

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Brian Urso bucketed 23 pts/ 19 in the first half

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Titan team- 2nd school record single game scoring with 134 pts

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Mark DeMonaco-29 pts 5-6 3 pointers 10-10 ft

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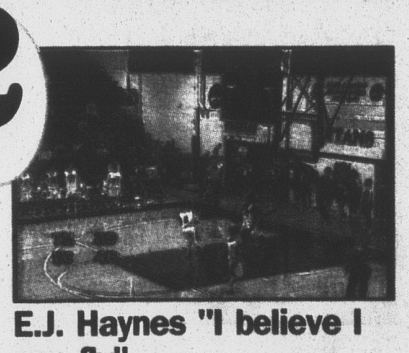

E.J. Haynes "I believe I can fly"

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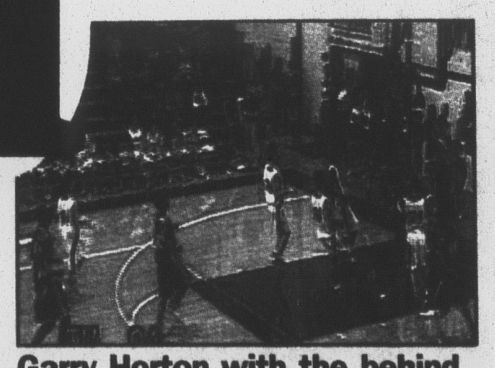


Garry Horton with the behind the back alley oop

Each week watch Justin Egley crack into some of the best plays of the week on the *County Line* on the Westminster College Cable Network, Channel 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Brokeback Mnt

Not a "Gay Cowboy Movie"

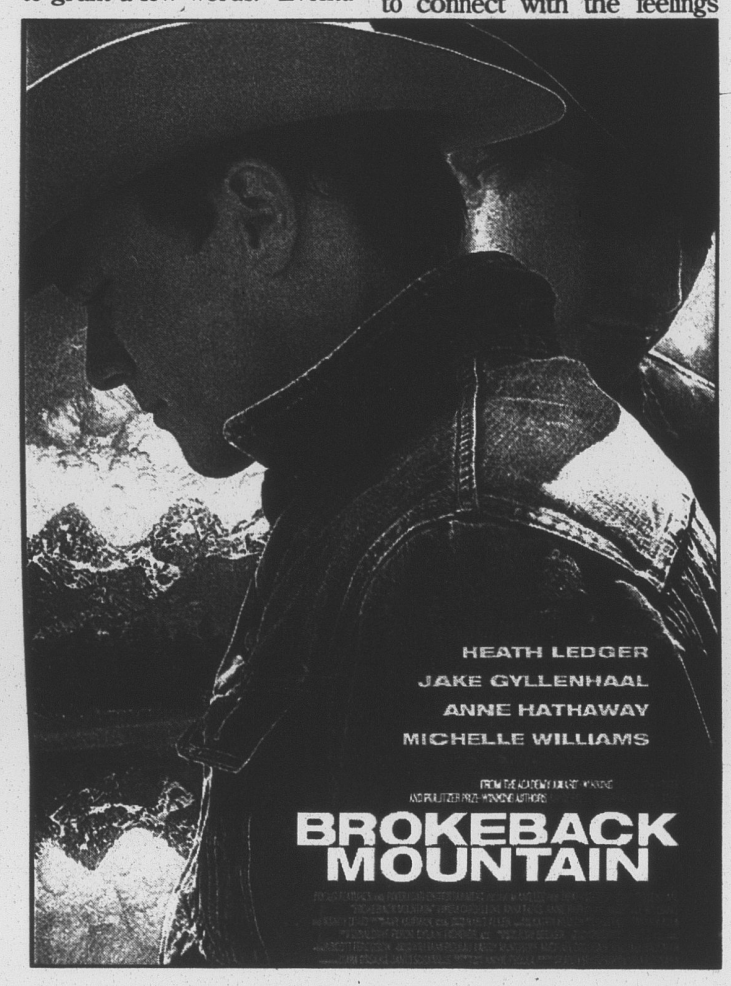
Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Brokeback Mountain opened in select cities on Dec. 9 and just opened in Boardman this past Friday. It's frustrating to me that I had to wait more than a month to see a film that has won numerous Golden Globes and critical acclaim.

Moving on from that, it also frustrates me that people grossly generalize it as that "gay cowboy movie." You may as well tell me that Casablanca is that "political romance movie." Open minds are the key to appreciating good films.

Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhal star as Ennis (Ledger) and Jack (Gyllenhal), two cowboys in 1963 Wyoming who find love in each other while spending a summer tending sheep on Brokeback Mountain. Their lifelong affair starts when they are 19, when Ennis can barely let down his guard to grunt a few words. Eventually Jack's more boisterous personality and some whiskey break down the barrier between them, and they spend their first night together.

The film never pulls away to focus on the larger scale; it remains closely focused on the love that Ennis and Jack share. This is life: the everyday relationships and not the political statements and rallies. It's the slow-moving torture of being away from someone you love, or realizing that one decision you made could forever keep you from happiness. Director Ang Lee has the ability to connect with the feelings that everyone has in common, despite sexual orientation, race, or any other social constraint.



Jack has a dream that he and Ennis have their own ranch together, but Ennis can't erase the horrific memory of the murder of two gay men in his hometown from when he was a child. He sees this as their fate if they decide to make their love public. They part after that summer with awkward good-byes and move on with their lives. Four years pass and find them both married with kids when Jack decides to visit Ennis in Wyoming. It may have been years, but they find their passion for each hasn't died at all. Unfortunately, Ennis' wife Elma (Michelle Williams) sees them kissing. She never speaks of it until years later, after her marriage has failed, but she deals with the "fishing trips" Jack and Ennis take every few months.

Years pass in this manner, leaving Ennis a divorced and lonely man. Jack is unfulfilled in his marriage to Lureen (Ann Hathaway) and confesses that he "can't quit" Ennis. Ennis replies that Jack made him this way: "nothing and nobody." Of course he knows that he would have no happiness in his life if Jack wasn't there; it's the times in between that torture him.

To tell any more would reveal a spoiler, so I'm going to leave it at that. Brokeback Mountain digs into the heart of the audience member and releases compassion; oh yes- it does exist. The characters in this film are so real that you can't help but become a part of them and feel their pain. Take the trip to Boardman to see Brokeback Mountain.

Rating: A

Lisa Loeb

You say, I only hear what I want to...

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

You may remember her best from the mid-90's. She was the one with the guitar, and big framed glasses singing "so I turn the radio on, I turn the radio up, and this woman was singing my song..."

That's right. It's Lisa Loeb.

Lisa's hit single "Stay (I missed you)" made her the first unsigned artist to top the U.S. charts. Though Lisa did not seem to stick around long, she did have a few other hits, most notably, "I Do" and "Do you sleep?"

Now, years after many of you have ever even thought about Lisa Loeb, I'm here to tell you she's still around! In fact, I saw her on tour twice this past year. Her glasses appear to be a bit thinner and she is still singing her song, "Stay".

You may be asking what this trip down memory lane has to do with anything. I'll tell you. It's because not only is Lisa still around; not only has she recently released her fourth full length album (The Way It Really Is), but she is now entering the world of reality TV.

Lisa will be venturing from her singing career to go on a few dates in New York City. She will be appearing in her own dating reality show "#1 Single". You can catch it on Sunday at 10 p.m. Sunday nights on E.

After seeing Lisa perform live twice, I can tell you two things. One, is that her voice and lone guitar can fill up an auditorium with amazing sounds. And two, she can really hold an audience's attention.

I would go as far as to say that a good 30% of her shows are her talking in between songs -telling stories, sharing recipes, the usual, I guess.

That is why Lisa is sure to have a hit TV show. That and her glasses. People will remember her immediately when they see her face on the Tube. Perhaps it will even increase her fan base.

Don't believe all that I've told you? Check out Lisa's show. If you're not impressed, check out her music and you're sure to be shocked by this 90's pop-star's talent.

Compadres. . .

Gourmet Mexican food for a good night out on the town

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Welcome back to school, everyone. I hope you all had lots of good food over break! But now we're back, and we all know what that means Sodexho.

That's where I come in.

If you weren't around last semester to read the column, I travel around the area to find out what kind of alternatives we have to eating on campus, and I report back about taste, price, atmosphere, and anything else you may want to know.

This week I decided to go to Compadre's Mexican Restaurant in Grove City right passed The Prime Outlets. I am a big fan of El Canelo, so I thought a comparison would be in order.

As far as the taste of the food and the menu go, it's honestly about the same, which means the food is wonderful. The prices are also very similar and reasonable for college students. The only real difference is the atmosphere. Compadre's is a two story high brick building (although the upstairs is not used for dining). Inside there are many rooms that include non-smoking, smoking, and the bar. El Canelo serves alcohol, but the setting there is more that of a fast food restaurant, and there is no bar. El Canelo is decorated very fun with banners of Corona Light signs and sombreros. Compadre's has pictures painted right on the wall of Mary, Jesus, and Pope John Paul II.

The only difference I can say is that if you want to have a night to chill with friends, El Canelo is a very relaxed and social atmosphere. But if you are going on a date or another kind of social gathering, Compadre's adds just the right touch for a special evening.

Last tips from Leah: Make sure you are hungry when you go, because full won't even begin to describe what you feel when you leave. Enjoy the freshly baked tortilla chips that they serve before you're meal, but don't fill up on just those, because there's lots more goodness to come! And when you're enjoying those tortillas, make sure to ask for some cheese sauce. Last but not least, save room for dessert like the Sopapilla! (If you want to know what that is, you'll just have to go and find out!)

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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Calendar

January 27, 2006

Sign Ups for Aerobics Class (meets M, W, R from 5-6 p.m., January 30 through February 20) – Old 77

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: RENT – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Legend of Zorro – MCC Mueller Theater

January 28, 2006

Night Owl Bowling (Van leaves front of McKelvey at 10:30 p.m.)

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Carnegie-Mellon (H)

2:00 PM Women's Basketball at Bethany

4:00 PM Swim Team Banquet – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

4:00 PM Men's Basketball at Bethany

7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Legend of Zorro – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: RENT – MCC Mueller Theater

January 29, 2006

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: RENT – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Legend of Zorro – MCC Mueller Theater

January 30, 2006

Sorority Meetings

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

11:45 AM Mathematics and Computer Science Colloquium: Dr. Jessie Lenarz, Mathematics Professor at Concordia College, "Edit Metric Spaces and DNA" – 152 Hoyt

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Aerobics Class Begins – Old 77

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

January 31, 2006

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

7:00 PM Study Abroad at Oxford Informational Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

9:00 PM Newman Club – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 1, 2006

Last Day to Add ($15 Fee)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Sam Lightner, "What is a Plasma and Why Do We Care?" – MCC Mueller Theater

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel

6:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Grove City (H)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Grove City (H)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

February 2, 2006

Deadline to Register for IM Co-ed Indoor Soccer (use the IM website)

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

1:00 PM Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting – MCC 255

7:00 PM Mortarboard Meeting – MCC 255

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

Sudoku!

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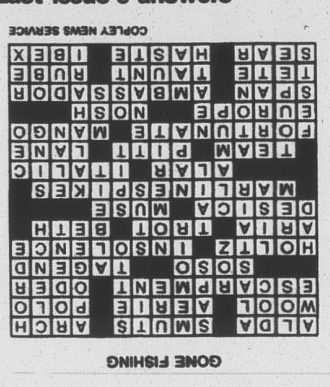

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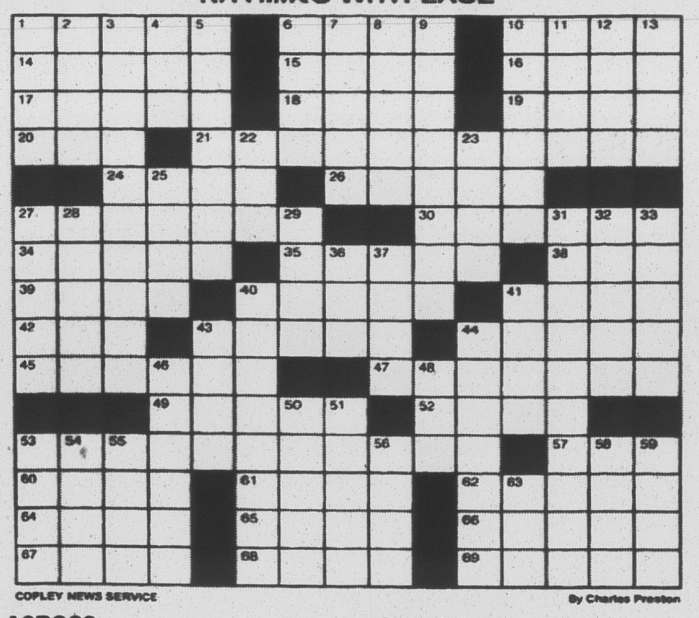

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

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6 Kid stuff?
10 CD component
14 Susan Lucci role
15 Ancient mariner
16 It's off the wall, perhaps
17 Frisco player
18 Bean curd
19 Grime fighter
20 GI support group
21 Grasp at straws?
24 First S. Korean president
26 Artificial flavoring base
27 Draftsman's tool
30 Chosen ones
34 Stamping ground
35 Show place
38 In what way?
39 Sighed sound
40 Has a good laugh
41 Staff note
42 Poisonous plant, sometimes
43 Milne marsupial
44 Indiana cager
45 Sonnet section
47 Short snort
49 Apogee or perigee
52 Dance piece
53 Eschewing afternoon socials?
57 Fall behind
60 Out of action
61 Way to the Holy Land
62 Connect with
64 In order
65 What the worm turns
66 Exhilarating place to walk
67 Start of a Belafonte lyric
68 A lot
69 Sham rocks

DOWN

1 Diner's card
2 Bit of eye makeup
3 Small wharfs?
4 Lorelei's rocks?
5 Auto safety device
6 Start to freeze?
7 Fall off the wagon
8 Sidewalk enterprises
9 Window covers
10 Hunger for
11 Desktop item
12 Chase flies
13 Heat, on the street
22 More than oft
23 Committed a gridiron infraction
25 Mongol horde
27 Massenet heroine
28 Emollient
29 Harrow alternative
31 Requests to an inattentive waiter?
32 1993 Oscar winner
33 Took an oath
36 Crone
37 Nation subject to a U.N. embargo
40 Snarly hair: colloq.
41 Knight club
43 Sahara wear
44 Pause in the action
46 Learn easily
48 Birthplace of The Boss
50 Ice house
51 Bad spot
53 Benevolent
54 It's a thought
55 Gumby, essentially
56 Architectural additions
58 Bickering
59 Skirt panel
63 Written with three sharps

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Avoid harboring regrets over incidents in the past. Look for the green light signaling that it is time to forgive an emotional mishap and move forward.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It pays to be friendly or at least courteous in a club or group situation. Someone that you will meet will have the power and influence to impact your life.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Goal achievement is highly probable. Put yourself in a high-profile position where you can be seen and come in contact with the greatest amount of people.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Expansive thoughts or concepts will set the stage for an active exchange of information this week. Do your homework and be prepared with a few exciting ideas to share.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Listen to your instincts or that small voice inside when making a difficult financial decision. When there is unanimous agreement, within and without, you cannot go wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): It is impossible for you to see and understand both sides of a story. Share your dilemma with a partner or mate and allow them to offer their insights and input.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Think about ways that you can and should improve your general health. Be sure to include a special diet or exercise program as an important part of the plan.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Throughout the ups and downs of social affairs, it is best to maintain a sense of calm. Approach an emotionally turbulent exchange with a peaceful and self-assured attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Turn your attention to a domestic project. Family members and loved ones are counting on you for your consistent and dependable support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Ideas tend to flow with relative ease this week. Read or take in as much information as possible in preparation for required writing or communicating down the road.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): This is a highly charged and exciting period in your life. Stay focused and complete a demanding assignment or task with time and energy to spare.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A strong desire for change will drive you out of your normal routine and compel you to act out of the ordinary. Do not be afraid to pioneer or to explore new trails.

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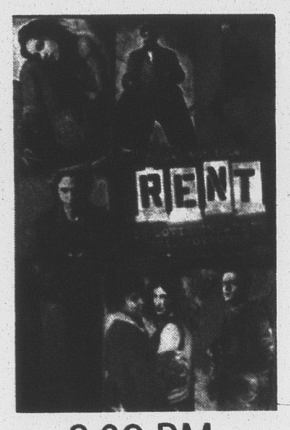

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Feb. 10	Body Artist	Mar. 4	Night Owl Bowling
Feb. 10	Titan Tavern	Mar. 25	Night Owl Bowling
Feb. 17	30 Hour Famine	Mar. 31	Alpha Psi Omega One Acts
Feb. 18	Night Owl Bowling	Apr. 8	Relay for Life
Feb. 24	Mid Winter Jazz Concert	Apr. 29	Sing n Swing
Mar 3-5	Lil Sib's Weekend	May 6	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

New Year's Resolution: Stop Complaining

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

So, back to the grind it is, as they say, but is it really? As we return to our daily schedules and routines of college life, many students are already planning their summer breaks and vacations.

I, on the other hand, got to some serious thinking over holiday break. It could have been brought on due to the excruciating hours of boredom spent at my two jobs.

Between the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday job of sitting in a gray/white cubicle doing nothing too productive and then leaving and going to job number of waitressing until 10 o'clock at night, I didn't really have a moments rest. I'm not really complaining, I made a lot of money, but in a way I feel I worked my break away. I feel like I cheated myself of my last real Christmas break before I (dare I say the word) graduate.

Yes, I actually couldn't wait to get back to Westminster this semester. Despite the many frustrations this campus brings on every week, it really isn't that bad at all. In fact, college is wonderful. Think about it, where else can you pick your own classes, go to them when you feel like it, nap leisurely, hang out with friends and do whatever you want on the weekend? I'm going to let you in on a little secret- not many places.

It could be that the scanning of insurance claims every single day for eight hours caused some sort of enlightening on my part, but I truly began to appreciate my time here on campus. Everyone here is typically nice and respects each other, the teachers do their best to be involved in their students' lives and even Sodexho is making steps to appease the vegetarians.

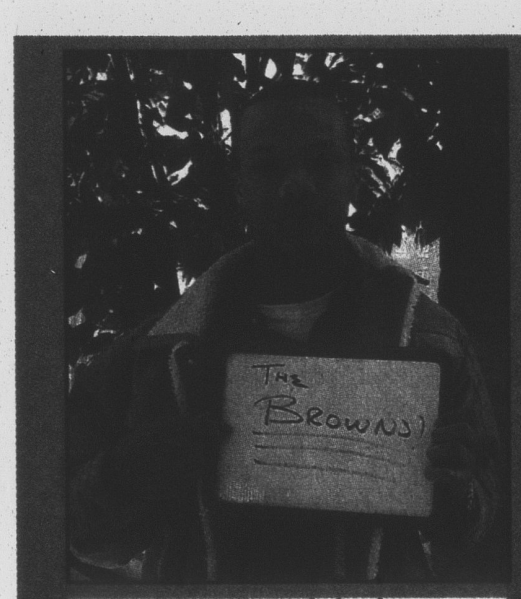
Leaving college is something I am not completely prepared to do. Despite my complaining, I really enjoy what I do here. Westminster offers a lot of opportunities that many other campuses across the country do not.

In the end, college must come to an end. If you remember, even Van Wilder called it quits after seven years. My suggestion, especially to all the seniors reading out there, is to enjoy your last semester and stop complaining, because paying rent, car insurance and other bills isn't on the top of my list of favorite things to look forward to after college.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She recently gave into peer pressure and joined the Facebook clan. Her fear of graduating is high and her fear of getting stuck in another "Office Space" job is even higher.

Question of the Week:

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?



Matt Tymal, freshman

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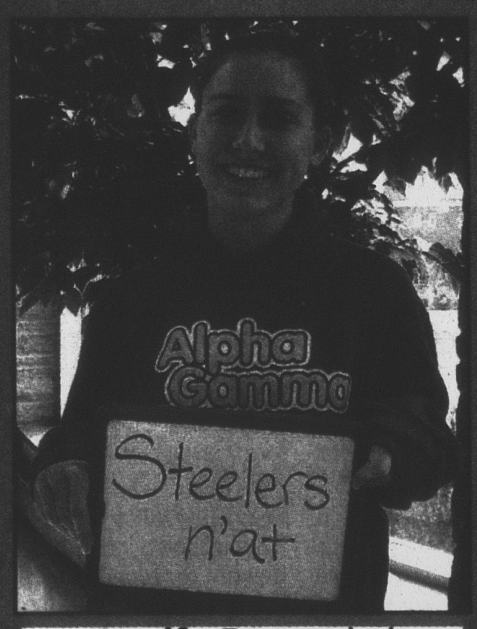

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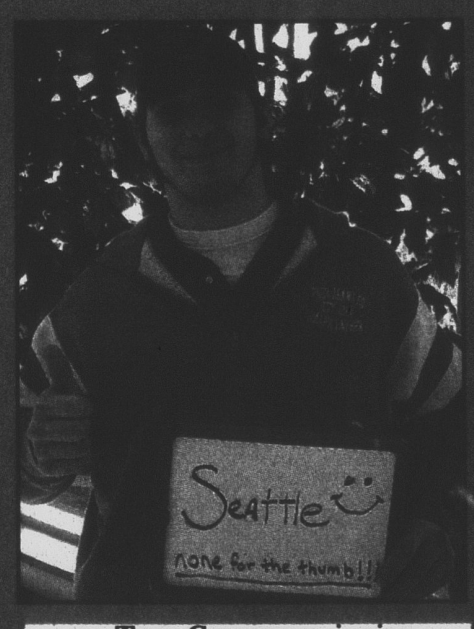

Tom Campana, junior

photography by Amanda Hauger

UGG-ly Trends on Campus

Natalie says trade in those UGGs for something less ugly

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Welcome back! I hope your break was filled with lots of Christmas cookies and people asking you your major over and over. I for one had a great holiday, but returned to school wondering what I could possibly write about this week. Then, Colin Dean provided me with the very answer for which I was searching. He was expressing his sincere hate for UGG boots. As soon as he mentioned the "moon-shoe" looking disasters, I knew I must write about the legendary UGG.

For all of you who are not aware of what an UGG boot is, it is a boot made out of "authentic sheepskin." Surprisingly, they are not made for winter wear or for tucking your pants into. The boot was brought to the states in 1978 by Australian surfer Brian Smith. He wanted to make a market for the odd looking shoe in America, but was turned down. Unluckily for us, Mr. Smith was determined to sell his boot, so he took a road trip to California - where all bad trends are born.

When he arrived, he noticed that surfers were already wearing the Australian wonder, and decided he found the perfect niche to sell the UGG. Thanks to Brian Smith, the hideous fad caught on and traveled from the beach to the commercial mall.

Even though the UGG is comfortable and easy to throw on in the morning for your 7:40 am class, I believe it is time to say goodbye to your sheepskin friend. I sent mine to the shoe heaven freshman year, and since then expanded my horizons to a wide variety of winter wear.

When I say wide variety of winter wear, this does not include the UGG slipper, clog, shoe, or furry "dead animal looking" boot. I am talking about anything from cowboy boots to the fashionable array of tennis shoes available today. I am all for wearing whatever suits you and fits your personality. The UGG is just another prime example of mass media and advertising persuading you into thinking that tucking your pants into an unattractive sheepskin boot is hotter than the surfers who actually use the boot for their main purpose: keeping their feet cozy and sand-free.

When you think of UGGs, think of Paris Hilton. The UGG-wearing Hilton is not "so hott" anymore after stealing about everyone's boyfriend, according to pop culture tabloids. The UGG-wearing trend should die as should America's love for the rich heiress.

"Everyone should replace their UGGs with a sweet air-cast like mine...anything is better than those disasters," As Sherri Breitigan said at our Holcad meeting. For all of you who do not know Sherri, she broke her foot in the Galapagos Islands over break and passionately despises the UGG trend.

The UGG will go down in history as one of America's most hilarious fads. Let's just say they put the 'ug' in ugly. It is time for our college and the world to donate their UGGs to Goodwill and replace them with something more suiting to their personalities and a lot less hideous. On the other hand, if you want to get under Sherri's skin, send them to her.

Natalie Coccia is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her iPod, and if you copy her style you're dead meat.

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Q & A with one regal sophomore

Titan Eye Candy

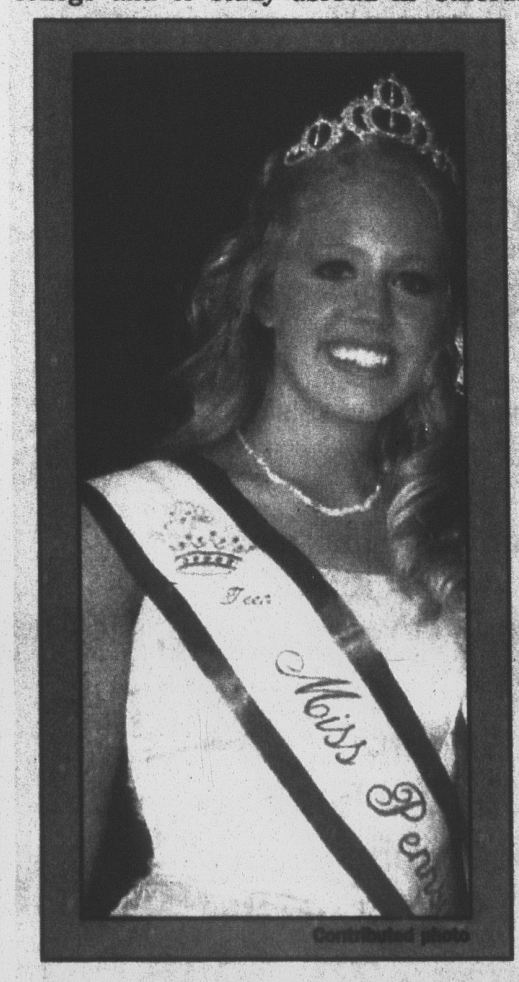
Features 'Baton Receiver' of this column Laura Zorch takes us inside the world of a *beauty queen*

Watching the recent Miss America pagent, Ashley Beaver critiques the participating state representatives. However, she judges not like most young ladies who try to find the each contestant's tragic physical flaws (there has to be something, right?), but as a true beauty queen that knows the ropes. Ashley was crowned Miss Pennsylvania American Teen two years ago.

Competing in pageants since she was 12 years old, Ashley cites her determination and hardwork as what led to her reign as Pennsylvania Teen royalty.

"Every year I came back, I was even more determined to win. I was so estatic when I won. And it is true, hardwork and perseverance pay off," Ashley said.

Eager to get back in the pageant scene, Ashley had to take some time off to start college and to study abroad in Oxford.



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Some people have sports, but this is my competition. This is my form of competing that makes me a better person by pushing me to work harder and go farther.

Ashley Beaver

Contributed Photo

Ashley breaks her nose, or gasps at winning the competition

She would love to start competing as soon as possible.

For all you fabulous readers out there that are also itching to enter a pageant in the near future, Ashley has some valuable inside information and tips that should not go unnoticed:

Keep on smiling.

"Putting Vaseline on your teeth really does work. You just can't stop smiling."

Stick on swimwear.

"Double-stick tape is huge for keeping your swimsuit on. Otherwise, it might be disastrous."

Get some sun.

"You have to go tanning before you compete. Otherwise, you look ridiculously washed out on stage."

Pamper yourself.

"Two days before the competition you should always get a pedicure. It makes you feel good and keeps you relaxed."

Shriek in excitement.

"I never thought that I would cry if I won, but I did. I bawled hysterically. And of course, I did the crazy hands to your face move that I like to call the 'broke your nose' move."

Don't give up.

"Don't give up until you get what you want, but don't go in to it just wanting a crown. Participate in order to make friends and learn, and in the end, it will pay off."

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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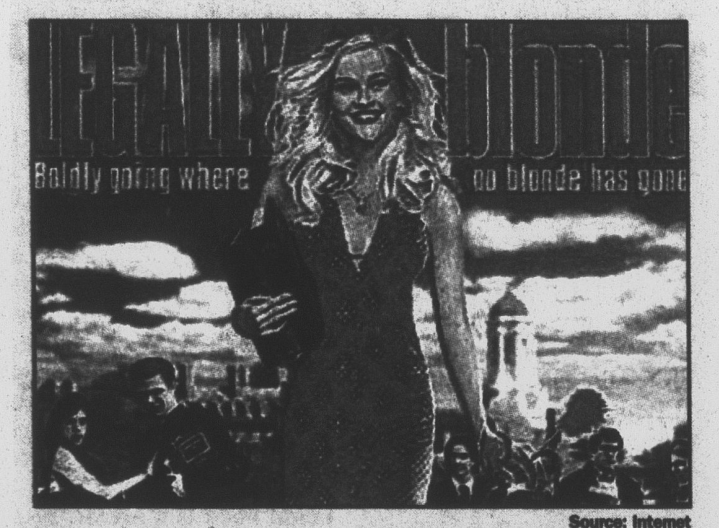

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Getting that 179 on your LSATS

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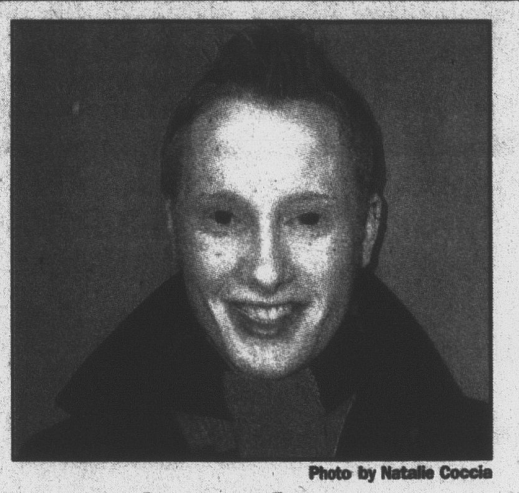

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Campus statistic of the week

Number of Westminster students, faculty and alumni on Facebook as of Feb. 2

951

Source: Facebook.com

Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®
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Saturday: Variable clouds, flurries, 38/25
Sunday: Mostly cloudy with flurries, 30/21

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Tasty new dishes

New grub at the TUB.
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Photo by Katie Chandley

Scrumptious new delights

The TUB menu committee weighs in and adds great, new selections to the TUB menu. See page page A-5 for the story.

Student sells Steelers Superbowl tickets for tuition cost

By Elizabeth Farry
Titan Radio News Correspondent

One student is giving up a chance to see the Steelers in Super Bowl XL.

Freshman education major Michael Hufnagle had tickets to see his first live Super Bowl-but someone else will sit in his seats on Sunday.

Michael and his father, Dave Hufnagle, decided to sell the tickets on eBay. It was a tough decision to make - Michael says it was the right thing for him.

"In the long run, it's worth it." Hufnagle said.

"If I can get a better education and afford to go to the Super Bowl every year, it's worth missing one," he added.

Michael's dad says every little bit helps–especially when the annual bill for Westminster can reach almost $30,000. And, making things even tighter - Dave's faced pay cuts from his US Airways job.

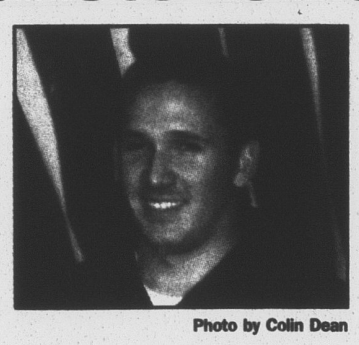

Photo by Colin Dean

Mike Hufnagle stops for a brief moment in front of the black and gold streamers in the TUB.

"It was just something I had to do," Hufnagle's father said.

"If he was going to a community college, we'd be going to the Super Bowl. But he's going to a fine school," he added.

Hufnagle's Steeler sacrifice will allow him to continue studying at Westminster to become a teacher. But the sacrifice won't sideline his dad - he's still headed for the game, even without the tickets.

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Someone bid more than $6000 on eBay for two of these Superbowl tickets.

Dave Hufnagle has a friend in NFL films who will put him to work during the game on the sidelines.

While his father is sure to get the thrill of his life on Sunday, Michael didn't make out too badly himself. After just a few days on auction, two of Michael's tickets went for $6200. An additional two tickets he received from his uncle sold for $4800. The Hufnagles plan to put all $11,000 towards Michael's tuition for the fall.

Groundhog overshadowed by Steelers

Contributed photo

Phil, the groundhog, is making quite the fashion statement donning a "Terrible Towel."

By Mary Leonetti
Campus writer

Freshman Erin Tarpey woke up– not for class– but for the more than an hour trip to Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Tarpey wanted to see whether the infamous groundhog would see his shadow.

February 2 has been something that has become apart of an American tradition in Punxsutawney since 1887. Today, thousands of people go to this small town to see whether or not Phil saw his shadow, and this year he did.

According to the legend, if Phil sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. If not, then spring will arrive early. This year, Phil has seen his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter.

While Tarpey isn't exactly happy about more winter weather, she is excited that the the groundhog is a Steelers fan.

"Terrible towels were all over the place," Tarpey said. "When the guy took him [Phil] out, he had a terrible towel in one hand and the groundhog in the other."

Tarpey says the celebration was packed with a mob of more than 10,000 people. But even though Tarpey had to push her way towards the front, she was still honored to

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opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

Go frost yourselves!

Don't act like you're not impressed.

You gotta love that dumpy face on the Rant & Rave box.

As you like it!

I hope I'll be able to climb a tree in my bare feet again this February.

That is not the power of the key blade.

Three cool cats, that's what we need.

Wine, women and song, I tried them all, it did not take me long.

Don't you love it when things go your way?

There's someone out there for you, and I think he's looking right at you.

We will see the rise of the mighty interrobang in the near future.

That sounds like it shouldn't.

Where have all the merrymakers gone?

P-money mobot!

Worst. Movie. Ever.

At least it wasn't *Gigli*, 'cause then I would have had to spoon out my eyes.

Beware of the terrible towel!

The Steelers are going to weld a cage for those Seahawks.

Facial hair will be the death of me.

You used to be such a loyal friend, now it's all about me.

What's up with all the navel-gazing lately?

Kudos to the TUB for the pulled pork wrap!

No matter how great your triumphs or how tragic your defeats – approximately one billion Chinese couldn't care less

Given enough eyes, all bugs are shallow.

Pimp my Schwinn!

Someone get my scattergun. We've got some Seahawks to pluck from the sky.

Stillers, dammit, it's the Stillers.

Stop calling it a cell phone, it's called a mobile phone.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Donate your cycles, save the world

Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

Cancer kills half a million people in the United States each year. Parkinson's disease kills 15,000 people per year. More than likely, dear reader, you know someone who has died of either of these, or of the likes of Huntington's disease or Alzheimer's disease.

The eradication of these four diseases, and a few others, is the goal of the Folding@Home project.

Folding@Home is a project developed at Stanford University that harnesses the potential of the millions of computers worldwide that sit idle when not in use by a user. The program simulates the assembly of proteins within the human body, a natural process called "folding." Proteins fold in order to carry out a variety of functions within the human body. However, when a protein fails to fold correctly, a "misfold," serious consequences can occur, and the result may be the formation of one of the aforementioned diseases.

As college students, there's a lot of time that our computers aren't being used. For example, night, when a we're asleep, or during the day, when the we're at class or at a meal.

I spend about eight hours sleeping and probably about eight hours away from my computer each day. That's 16 hours that my computer would be normally idling, virtually wasting processor cycles.

However, my cycles aren't going to waste – I'm running Folding@Home on my computer as a screen saver, and you, generous reader, should, too.

In August 2005, I arranged for a number of then-unused computers at the school to be set up in the school's UNIX lab to run Folding@Home full-time, spending every moment processing the work units delivered to them.

This past week, the department from which I borrowed the computers needed them back. They've been returned and are probably being used for writing a test or checking email as you read this.

In the six months since our efforts – nicknamed Folding@Westminster – began, we've processed 1,282+ work units and produced 250,012+ points of results, taking us from 45,750th place into the top 1,000 worldwide. We've overtaken the production rates of the University of Minnesota, Drexel, Vanderbilt, Iowa State, Mississippi State and even the massive Penn State University, in addition to the thousands of other teams that aren't academic institutions. We may soon overtake University of Florida, Florida State, and Michigan.

However, our production will all but stop if you, philanthropic reader, don't contribute.

Two of the computers in the office of *The Holcad* contribute. I have a number of computers that contribute. Sophomore Ryan Moore contributes. Those few alone are not enough to keep us going at the rate we've been going.

I created a group on Facebook called "Folding@Westminster" that you can join if you're interested – I'll use that as a point of communication.

Direct your browser to http://www.cs.westminster.edu/folding for more information and more detailed instructions on how to set it up. If you're still having problems, feel free to email me or send me a message through Facebook – I'm always willing to help someone help the world.

Colin is a junior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. Next winter, he will be living off-campus and using the heat from his small army of computers running Folding@Home 24/7 to reduce his gas bill. For now, his roommate keeps their dorm window open all the time.

How to help

To set up Folding@Home on your computer, go to http://folding.stanford.edu/download.html and download the Windows screen saver (or Mac or Linux console version).

Once you've downloaded it, install it and use team number 45740. I'd recommend using your own name for the user name or "westminstercollege" rather than the default, whatever it may be.

In the Connection tab of the configuration window, check the box beside "Use Internet Explorer Connection Settings" or the program won't be able to get its work packets.

I generally set the screen saver to turn on after three or five minutes. You'll probably want to turn off the screen saver in the Windows display properties control panel, or at least just set it to blank.

The program's not perfect - it does occasionally crash. It doesn't kill your system when it does, though. Simply restart the program from the Start menu.

Sick, sick, sick, where's the help?

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

I'm one of those people who gets sick a lot. At any given time, odds are I'm fighting off some kind of cold or allergy with some kind of over-the-counter drug. I like that phrase: over-the-counter. With the amount of medicine I buy, it'd probably be a bit shady if they called them something like 'from the back alley.'

Anyway, it wasn't really a surprise to me that I got sick sometime right before Thanksgiving. It happens. You move on with your life. Or, well, so I thought. In the following weeks, the cold got worse and worse until I had no alternative. I had to see a doctor.

By this point, it was Christmas break, and I was in Texas. I think a large part of my getting worse had to do with the fact that I'm really, really allergic to the trees down there. Stupid pollen-ridden, gnarly trees! They don't look nice; everyone I talked to in Texas had the same bad reaction to them. Plus, I hate them. Of course, that's a bit of a tangent.

But the doctor gave me meds for whatever it was he decided I picked up in Pa. and then promptly threw me outside where the trees made my life miserable for the next three weeks.

And now, as I type this, I'm still sick. I know what I have to do. I need to go to the doctor. The student health center is a shining beacon of hope in my sickness-driven life. Unfortunately, it's a shining beacon that can only help me at ungodly hours in the morning and not on weekends.

Maybe 'ungodly' is a little harsh. However, keep in mind that the human body needs sleep when it's sick. Waking up at any point of the day is rough. So, why then do we only have a doctor to be there between 8 and 9 in the morning?

Oh, and don't forget weekends. If you somehow manage to come down with leprosy at a frat house, you'll be banging on the doors to the student health center until your arms fall off.

When I was here over the summer, the campus was invaded for a week by missionaries. During that time, I found that there was someone either present in the health center or on-call at all times. Those people didn't even go to the school! Yet somehow they got full health benefits and a cat!

I remember there being a cat... I think it was for some kind of cat... petting... therapy. Or something. Shut up. Leave me alone.

Maybe having 24/7 surveillance is a little extreme. Me, I'd be happy if I was able to go into the place and get the help I need sometime when I'm not stuck in a recovery coma. I just think that if we had a doctor in the health center a little more often, maybe I could stop being sick sometime this year.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape. If you see him today, wish him a happy birthday!

Want to write a letter to the editor?

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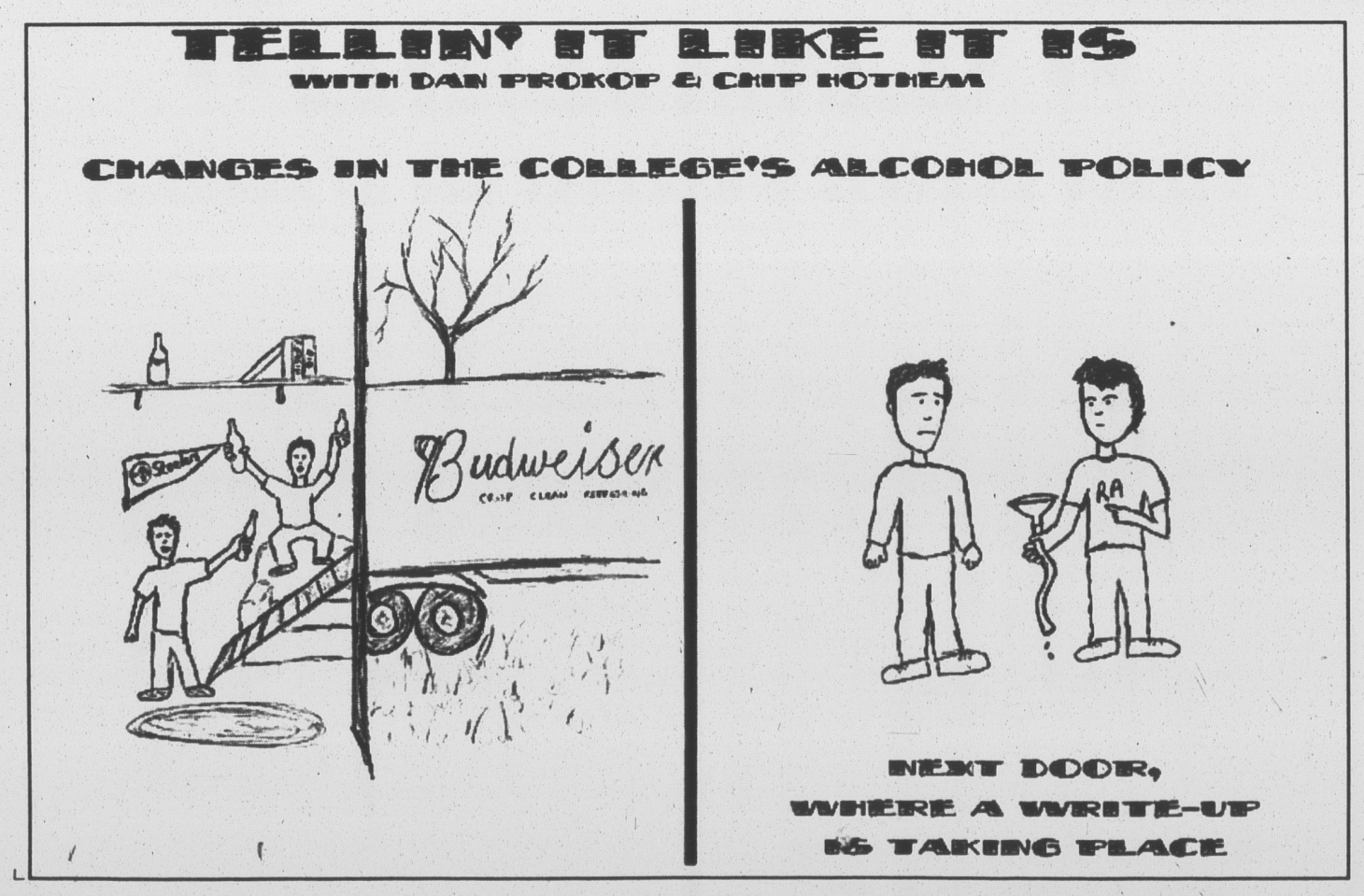

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

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Identity Theft Warning

Another ID theft scam over the phone is going around the state. Callers claim to be from the Pennsylvania Department of Health offering discount health care items and a thousand dollar shopping spree in exchange for personal and bank account information. State officials in Harrisburg warn everyone to watch for this scam and to never give out any personal information over the phone. State lawmakers says that the state departments will not call asking your personal information over the phone. If you receive a call you suspect is a scam, contact the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office immediately.

McKelvey Visits Campus

Dina McKelvey visited the Westminster College campus Monday. McKelvey is wife to Monster.com CEO Andrew McKelvey. She toured some parts parts of the campus and met with the student recipients of the McKelvey Scholarship. Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz says McKelvey is always overjoyed to visit Westminster.

The McKelvey grant is set up to help students with financial problems. The McKelvey Grant is also available in a dozen other schools in rural Pennsylvania.

Super Bowl Trumps Governor's Plans

Governor Ed Rendell is putting his love of the Steelers above state business. Rendell is postponing his annual budget address because of the Super Bowl. He was originally scheduled to deliver his speech on February 7—but will now accommodate those traveling back from the big game by giving it on the 8.

Ripped from the Wire

National

Bettis goes home

DETROIT (AP) _ The city embraced its hometown Super Bowl heroes on Tuesday, even presenting Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis with a key to the city.

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the City Council gave the ceremonial key to Bettis at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center and declared this week "Jerome Bettis Week."

"Jerome is a shining example of what a kid with a dream from Detroit can accomplish with hard work and determination," Kilpatrick said in a statement. "He has carried his Detroit pride at every level of his career, always looking to give back to the city that gave him so much."

Bettis is the fourth person in Detroit's history to receive a key to the city, Kilpatrick said.

Bettis said he is proud to be an ambassador for his hometown.

"The key gives me the opportunity to unlock the hearts of all the people in Detroit," Bettis said. "The world gets an opportunity to see what Detroit is all about."

Steelers linebacker Larry Foote, another Detroit native, also was recognized.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm also issued proclamations Tuesday declaring Wednesday "Jerome Bettis Day" and Thursday "Larry Foote Day."

"It is with great pride that we recognize these two Michigan sons," Granholm said in a statement. "Their commitment to excellence inspires us all, and we wish them the very best in the championship game."

The Steelers face the Seattle Seahawks in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Regional

Town renames itself 'Steeler' until Super Bowl

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) - Just to make sure there's no confusion about which team they are pulling for in Super Bowl XL, the mayor and council voted unanimously to change this city's name.

Welcome to Steeler, Pa.

The name change for the city of about 15,000 people south of Pittsburgh will last through Feb. 5, the day of the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks.

"I know the folks in the state of Washington are rooting for the Seahawks, so we wanted to make sure everyone knows the city of Washington is fully in support of the Steelers," Mayor Kenneth J. Westcott told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

You will want to keep addressing those bills, cards and letters to Washington, Pa., though, because the name change is cosmetic and not recognized by the U.S. Postal Service.

"It's just a spoof until after the Super Bowl," Westcott told the newspaper.

Regional

Steelers first to have cheerleaders, but now don't see need

Superbowl XL: no Steelerettes?

PITTSBURGH (AP) - They wore knee-length skirts, bobby sox and hard hats, and couldn't fraternize with the players. Their pay? One ticket per game.

The Steelerettes were the first females of the gridiron, long before Seattle's Sea Gals, Oakland's Raiderettes and the Buffalo Jills. And get this: Pittsburgh had guy cheerleaders, too - the Ingots.

But the NFL's first rah-rah squad was far from a group of midriff-bearing dancers that root from the sidelines today, make public appearances and - like the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders - star in their own reality TV show.

The Steelerettes of the 1960s also didn't last long - just nine years.

"Other teams started bringing in cheerleaders and it was very different from the kind of wholesome group that we were," said Patricia Tanner, 58, of Ohio Township, who was a Steelerette from 1965-68. "It seemed like our era had passed and Pittsburgh's a very traditional town, so I don't think we would have gone that direction."

The Steelerettes were started for the 1961 season, a year after the Pirates won the World Series.

Day came up with the name Steelerettes, who were all Robert Morris students.

Dianne Rossini, of Uniontown, cheered for the Steelers in 1963 and maintains a Web site dedicated to the group. She said the women were chosen based on their looks, personality, coordination and gymnastic ability.

They also had to maintain a 2.0 grade-point average and take a football test - mostly showing they knew enough about the game to know when to cheer.

The women performed to live music, and a baton twirler was added in 1962. The team also briefly added male cheerleaders, called the Ingots in homage to the steel mills that were the lifeblood of the city.

But in the late 1960s, the Steelers started talking about plans to build Three Rivers Stadium and changing the direction of the team. Other NFL teams had started using cheerleaders and the skimpy outfits didn't fit in with the Rooney family's traditional values, Day said.

"The thinking...was we wanted the emphasis to be on the team - and that doesn't sound like a momentous decision, but that was what the idea was for all the times that I was with the Steelers," said Day, who worked with the team for 25 years.

So the Steelerettes did their last pyramid for the 1969 season. The Steelers went on to win four Super Bowls over the next decade, and have sold out every home game since 1972.

Numbering about 60 in all, the Steelerettes had a reunion in 2001 at Heinz Field, and since then regularly meet every few months. Steelerettes memorabilia, including Tanner's old uniform, are on display at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum.

Modery said she's flattered to be a part of NFL history, though that wasn't her motivation at the time.

"Back then you never thought of anything instead of just enjoying what you were doing," Modery said.

Weaver's

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. What did Westminster student Michael Hufnagel do with his tickets to the Super Bowl?
   a. Gave them to his best friend as an early wedding present.
   b. Burned them as part of a protest against the war in Iraq.
   c. Auctioned them on eBay to help pay his tuition.
   d. Lost them in a poker game.
   e. Raffled them off to raise money for a fraternity trip.

2. Identify the county approved for the change of venue in the embezzlement trial of Lawrence County Treasure Gary Felasco.
   a. Erie County
   b. Venango County
   c. Mercer County
   d. Fayette County
   e. Washington County

3. According to the newly released 2006 Titan Football schedule, what PAC rival will the Titans face during homecoming?
   a. CMU
   b. Geneva College
   c. Grove City College
   d. Bethany College
   e. Frostburg State University

4. Identify the film nominated for eight Academy Awards this week including a nomination for best picture.
   a. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
   b. Cinderella Man
   c. Brokeback Mountain
   d. Walk the Line
   e. Crash

5. Which company announced this week that it's fourth quarter profits set a new record high for any U.S. company- $10.71 billion for the fourth quarter and $36.13 billion for the year.
   a. Exxon Mobile Corp.
   b. Wal-Mart
   c. Google
   d. Microsoft
   e. BP

6. A local high school senior who was transferred to an alternative school as punishment for parodying his principal on the Internet is suing the district, arguing it violated his freedom of speech. Identify the local school district being sued.
   a. Grove City School District
   b. New Castle School District
   c. Hermitage School District
   d. Slippery Rock School District
   e. Union School District

7. What did the man who has handled Punxsutawney Phil for 15 years announce this week?
   a. Phil has rabies.
   b. The sitting Phil died this week and a new Phil cannot be secured for February 2.
   c. He is retiring as Phil's official handler.
   d. He is running for a seat in the state legislature.
   e. He enjoys mash potatoes with his groundhog.

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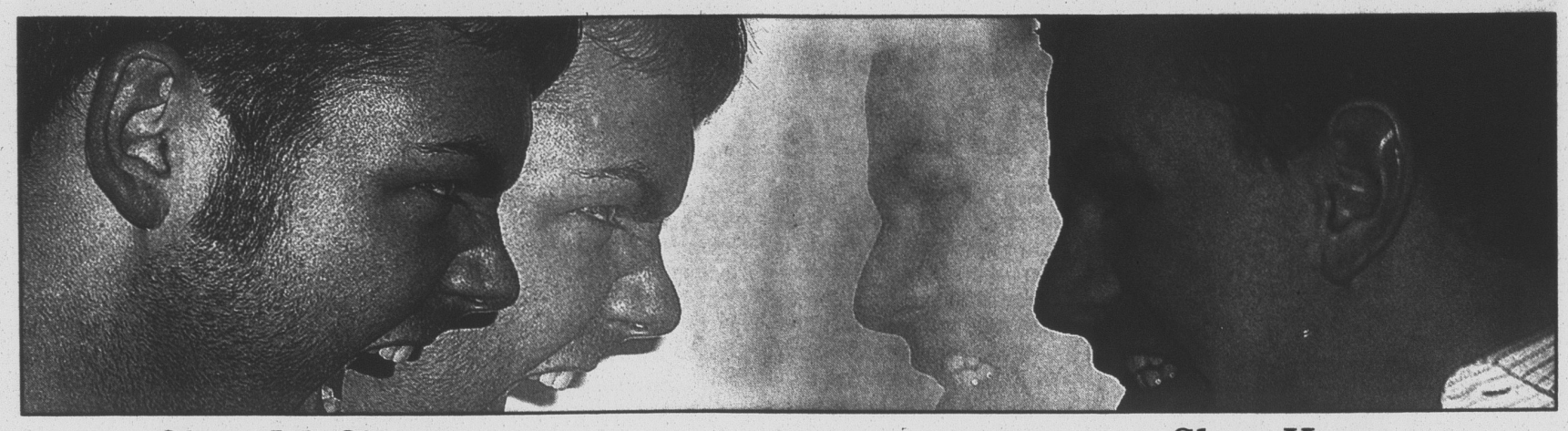
Campus News

McClarey v. Kerns



Slate McClarey
"Connect"

Slate Kerns
"Building a Stronger Community for Tomorrow"

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

"Connect" with the community, campus, SGA and junior Seth McClarey as he runs for student government president.

McClarey is making an unprecedented move: decreasing the number of people on his slate in order to run it more efficiently. McClarey eliminated the finance chair position and intends to incorporate the finance chair's duties into the treasurer's duties. He also wants to re-define the role of the public relations for SGA.

"Right now each committee within SGA does its own PR for its own events, defeating the purpose of having a PR chair and committee in the first place," McClarey said. "My primary goal with the public relations chair and committee is to build student awareness of all SGA activities and to build a solid image for SGA."

McClarey is currently the vice president for Slate Udanis, where he oversees each standing committee within SGA. He had been a senator before his vice presidency and organized VolleyRock 2005.

McClarey chose Allison Chlebowski for vice president candidacy, Brittany Mente for treasurer, Brett Turk for secretary, Steve Ruperto for academics chair, Carsen Nesbitt for judicial chair, Natalie Coccia for public relations chair, and Callie Croushore for special events chair.

"I have selected these individuals because they have shown amazing leadership both within and outside of SGA," McClarey said. "Each individual has their own unique motivation that I feel will drive SGA through a productive year."

McClarey runs Fresh Start as the senior coordinator, has been an active brother of Theta Chi since his freshman year, and involves himself as a student representative for the Student Life and Athletic Council, all while working part-time at Home Depot.

"My experiences from my campus involvement have allowed me to see Westminster College as a dynamic community that needs leadership from a passionate, dedicated slate," McClarey said.

Junior Matthew Kerns is running a slate for the upcoming term of the executive council of SGA with the slogan "building a stronger community for tomorrow."

Highlights of his platform include making SGA more accessible and transparent to all students by "working with *The Holcad*, other campus publications and advertisements to ensure that the student body knows of SGA's undertakings."

Slate Kerns also plans to foster a campus and community relationship through campus events, working with other student groups to create multi-organizational events on campus to boost student involvement, and donating surplus funds from the SGA budget to purchase books for the library.

Kerns chose Ryan Trunk for vice presidential candidacy, Zachary Marsh for secretary, Sherri Breitigan for treasurer, Akesha Joseph for financial chair, Stephanie Martin for public relations, Kial Vidic for judicial chair, Ashley Carnahan for special events chair, and Lee Scott for academics chair.

"I believe that these candidates are the hardest-working, most organized leaders on campus that will work together cohesively in the pursuit of our common platform goals," Kerns said. "Their diverse backgrounds will bring many new ideas to SGA and the student body."

Kerns currently holds a senatorial position for the junior class in SGA and is the student representative for the curriculum development committee, the townhouse construction committee, and the New Wilmington Area Chamber of Commerce. Kerns is chair for the Off-Campus/Townhouse Policies Committee, secretary for the Phi Alpha Theta history honorary society, co-coordinator of History Day for high school students, and a member of the varsity men's swimming team.

"My involvement in these organizations has exposed me to issues that need to be adjusted on campus, and excite me to take charge and implement changes that will be to the benefit of current as well as future students of Westminster," Kerns said.

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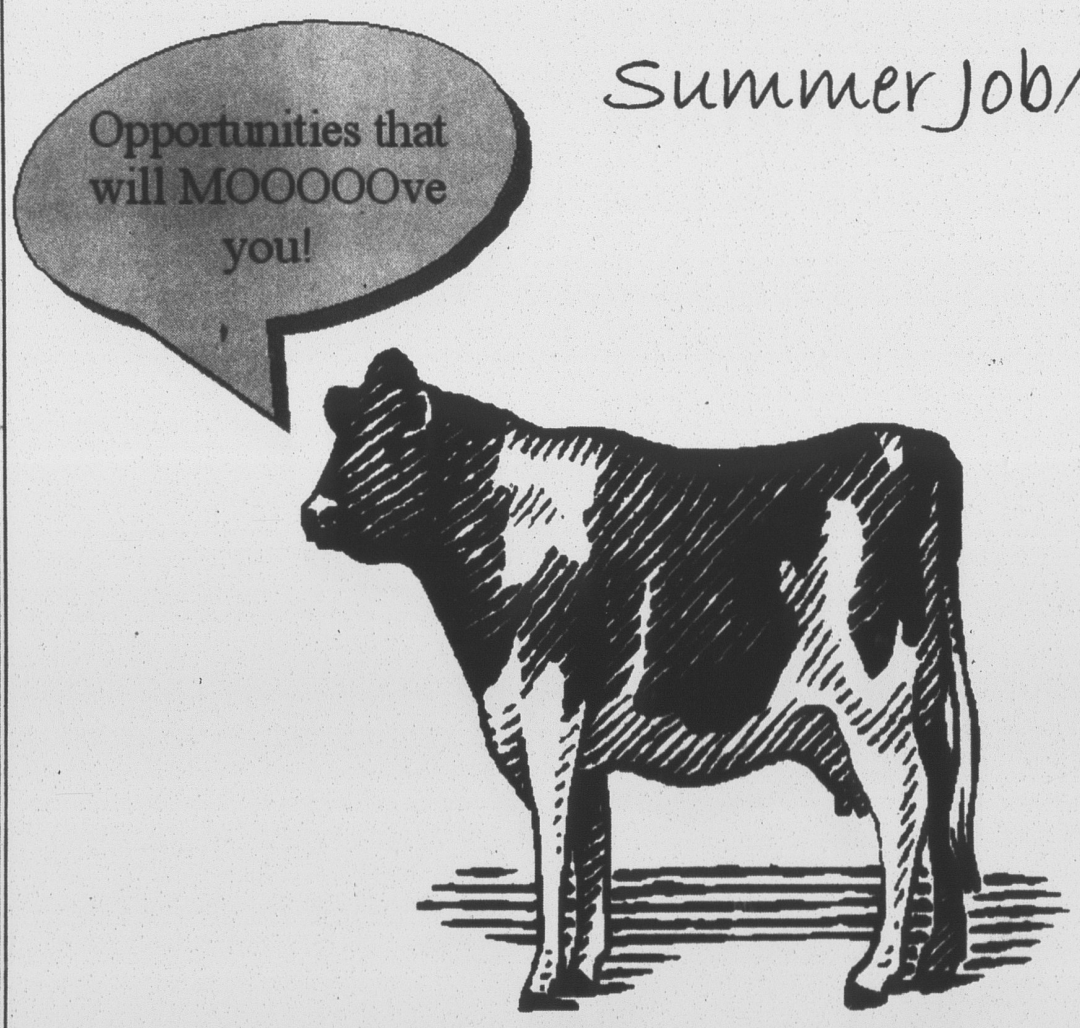

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More news from around the campus

New dishes

Introducing new options to spice up your meal time

By Natalie Coccia
Campus writer

The TUB now offers a healthier variety of food options for students and faculty due to the efforts of a newly formed TUB Menu Committee.

Jeff Creveling, Sodexho general manager, and Beth Sammons, Sodexho campus services, formed the committee during the fall semester in order to lessen student menu complaints.

"Jeff just figured that if students were in on the process, things will get better and we will receive less negative comments and more satisfaction," Sammons said. "The committee is a great tool and it is nice to get students in on the process so they can understand the creation of a menu."

The committee consists of six student representatives who volunteered through Student Government Association. According to Sammons, the TUB menu committee will be an ongoing process throughout the years to come.

The committee has organized a menu that features soy products and a wider variety of pizzas, salads, and bagels. Their mission is to create a well-rounded menu that also incorporates healthier choices and vegetarian options. Callie Croushore, committee member and SGA senator, introduced the idea of wheat products to the group.

"We chose to offer wheat pasta and bagels as a healthier option for students and it is also a stable source of fiber," Croushore said.

Vegetarian options include a grilled tofu substitute for meat in the chicken and beef wok lunches. Soy milk is also available in chocolate and vanilla flavors for vegetarians or lactose-intolerant individuals.

Its additions to the menu include a margarita pizza topped with spinach, sun-dried tomatoes and cheese. The committee also met to design salads with more toppings and an iceberg, romaine, and baby spinach leaf mixture.

"We wanted to create better tasting foods with better quality that more people would want," Croushore said.

The bagel size has increased four ounces with only a three cent price change. They also chose to switch the type of baked potatoes used in lunches in order to enhance meal size.

The committee not only deals with food quality and variety, but also helps in scheduling meals and soup rotations.

"It is a hard process to beat because students want variety, but not too much variety and we get a lot of mixed messages," Sammons said. "Students say they are sick of Mexican food and want more variety, but yet it is the most popular lunch."

The TUB lunch menu remains in tact, but the committee decided to change the dinner menu on a regular basis.

"Nobody wants meals that are served on exactly the same days, so we chose lunch to remain the same because people can depend on that schedule during their busy day," Croushore said. "We wanted dinner to rotate so people are not eating the same meals each week."

Sammons encourages students to offer any suggests via e-mail or through suggestion cards. New menu items such as a peanut-butter and jelly wraps as well as providing avocados are changes one the agenda for the spring semester.

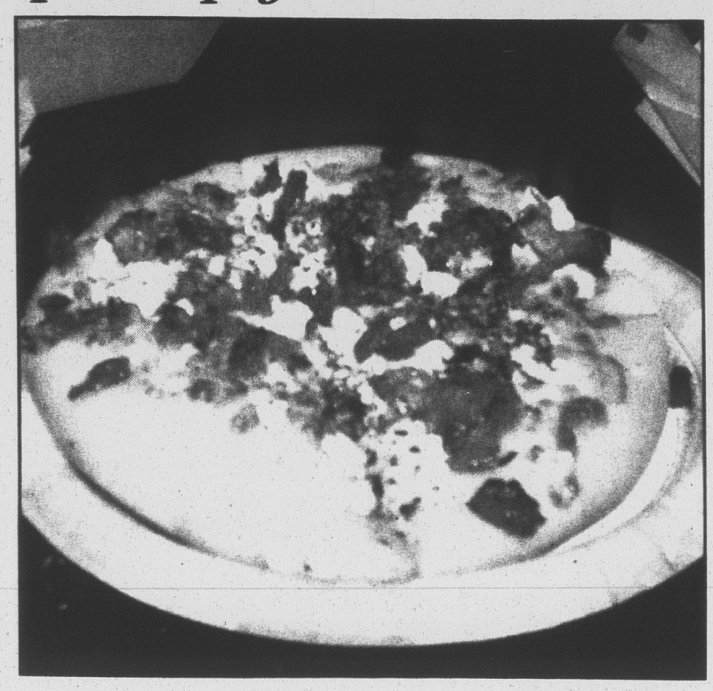

Photo by Katie Chandley

This blue cheese and sundried tomato pizza is just one of the many new items the TUB boasts.

14 transfer here after Christmas break, praise helpfulness and friendliness

By Aimee Corvel
Campus writer

At the beginning of this semester, 14 transfer students were added to the campus community.

The Office of Student Affairs conducted a one day orientation on Jan. 17 to help the mid-semester transfers with their transition into a completely different campus.

Gina Sharbaugh, the associate director of admissions and transfer coordinator, explained that the orientation gave transfer students the chance to become familiar with things like the Titan Card system, the computer services, and the basic layout of the campus.

"The orientation process also offers a great opportunity for these new students to meet each other and to start to get to know one another," Sharbaugh said.

Freshman Christina Sansone explained that the orientation was helpful because it gave all of the transfers a chance to find out where their classes were.

Freshman Ashlee Nealer, an elementary education major, explained that she transferred from St. Vincent College because it was just too far away. Nealer also explained that she wanted to come here not only because it is 15 minutes away from her home, but also because she eventually wants to enroll in the counselor education graduate program here.

"I like Westminster because it is a smaller college where you get more individualized attention," Nealer said.

Sansone explained that she transferred from Slippery Rock University because it was just too big. She explained that she likes this campus because it is a lot smaller, and because it has a more comfortable environment.

"Everyone is a lot more friendly and helpful here," Sansone said.

Both Sansone and Nealer live around this area. They both explained that they knew they wanted to transfer here right away; so instead of waiting for the new academic year to start in the fall, they decided to come here mid-semester and not waste anytime.

"I think a lot of them just want to find contentment, and I think most students are transferring because they did not like where they were," Sharbaugh said.

Sharbaugh explained that some of the transfers may lay low this semester in order to get fully acclimated to the campus. She also explained that a few of the transfers are jumping full force into campus life by contributing to certain athletic programs and by joining campus organizations.

"I'm actually pledging for the Zeta's this semester," Sansone said.

Sharbaugh explained that Colleen Hannon, assistant registrar, is in charge of actually figuring out what college classes will transfer. According to the college's Web site, a lot of considerations are taken into account when determining what credits will transfer here.

The Registrar's Office first looks at where the courses were taken in order to determine if a student's previous college or university is accredited. They then look at the type of classes taken to see if they compare with any classes offered here. In addition, all class grades must be a C- or better in order for credits to be transferred here. The college's Web site further explains that transferring credits is usually successful if all these requirements are met.

"The credits I got from my electives all transferred here without a problem," Nealer said.

Sansone and Nealer both explained that the transfer process went pretty smooth. Sharbaugh explained that transfer applicants must in part write an essay and make sure transcripts and letters of recommendation arrive here. A document which states whether a student is in good standing with their previous college or university, the F.E.R.P.A form, is also needed. Sharbaugh also explained that a 2.50 cumulative college grade point average is the minimum requirement needed to transfer here.

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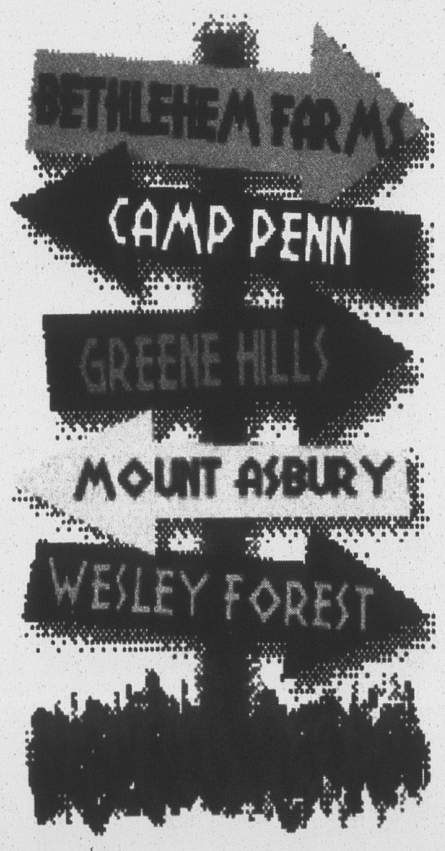

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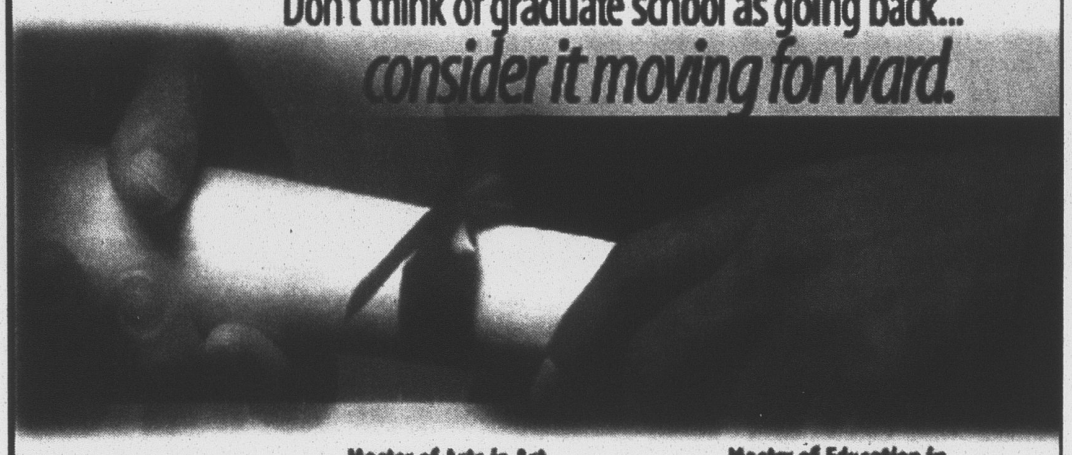

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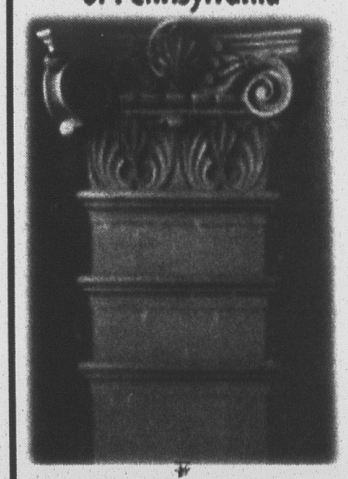

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Campus News

Spring Break countdown

Just five more weeks til some globe trottin' Titan traverse trips

By Ashley Beaver
Campus writer

While most students will be heading home for spring break, Titan Traverse members will be traveling to Utah, West Virginia or Florida.

During spring break, March 10-20, students will have the opportunity to explore the United States, bond with fellow classmates and engage in adventurous activities.

Titan Traverse is a leadership development program that uses the medium of "adventure education." Their purpose statement is "living a vision to give a vision that changes the world."

"These trips provide the opportunity to explore yourself and your life. Besides, you're traveling to some amazing places and meeting some wonderful people," Titan Traverse facilitator and junior public relations and administration major Kelly Mayhue said.

This year, the organization offers the choice of three spring break trips, open to all students on campus. An all-women's backpacking trip to Utah will be offered March 10-19. Jamie Jennings, one of the co-interim directors, will lead and guide 4-7 women to consider their identity and relationships.

"No experience is necessary, but willingness is necessary. The purpose of the trip is to question their lives and wonder why they're deciding the choices they make," Jennings said.

Rock climbing in West Virginia with a possibility of white water rafting down the New River Gouge is tentatively planned for the March 10-20. Steve Nystrom, member of the resource staff, is enthusiastic about climbing and wishes to share his passion that with others.

The final option of paddling with dolphins in the Everglades, Florida is available for anyone on March 10-20.

"These trips give students the opportunity to travel somewhere they've never been before. While on the trip, you will form bonds with people you didn't know earlier." Jennings said.

Compared to other expensive spring break trips, the trips will be between $400-500 which covers daily meals and driving expenses. Equipment rental fees are included.

"Cost should not be an issue when considering a spring break trip. We will help the students with fundraisers any way we can," Mayhue said.

Last year, Titan Traverse ventured to West Virginia, rafted on the New River Gouge and backpacked in Cumberland, Georgia. A second trip was led to the Grand Canyon, rafting down the Colorado River.

Amanda Whitener, a sophomore Christian education major who attended the Grand Canyon trip, shared a comment.

"It's something you don't get to do everyday. I wouldn't have been able to go to the Grand Canyon and raft, hike and camp by myself. We were really fortunate to have the expertise Titan Traverse staff. I learned a lot of leadership and practical skills for being in the wilderness," Whitener said.

Titan Traverse meets every other week.

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Students having a great time on their Titan Traverse Spring breaks trip in the Grand Canyon.

Phil

Groundhog's Day celebration

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see little Phil.

History of Groundhog's Day

Early Pennsylvania settlers found many groundhogs all over the state. In Europe, the hedgehog was seen as the most intelligent and sensible animal. When they came to America, they looked for something relatively close to the hedgehog and the groundhog seemed like the best candidate.

Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip but was formerly known as "Br'er Groundhog."

This day is a popular tradition today. However the legend of such happenings spans over centuries when different animals awakened on certain dates. This is from a time when nature influenced lives and people based what they knew and did on it.

Although the tradition stems from the times of the settlers, similar beliefs are linked with Candlemas Day. In the days of early Christians in Europe, it was the custom to have clergy bless candles and give them to people. This marked winter in a similar way as today. It was considered the mid-point and allowed farmers to see what they needed to do for the farming season.

"Did you know that Phil's brother Rodgem determines if more autumn leaves will fall before winter?" senior Maggie Muir says with a wink "There's no other mammal as widely known as the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil and his brother Rodgem."

Punxsutawney Phil has been a part of many things in our culture. He has offered his support to political events, cheering on area sports teams, and has even been in his own movie, Groundhog Day.

He has also been said to have been seen on other days. During the Prohibition, he threatened sixty more weeks of winter if he wasn't allowed a drink. In 1981, Phil wore a yellow ribbon honoring the American hostages in Iran. Phil had the pleasure of meeting President Reagan in 1986 and in 2001 was on the JumboTron in New York City's Times Square.

"I think it's mean to drag a groundhog out of a hole every year to predict when exactly spring will come," junior Alyssa Schomaker says.

Phil has seen his shadow for the past six years. He has seen his shadow every year but fourteen of them since the beginning of this tradition, now going for 120 years.

But, of course, Phil doesn't actually predict the weather. The keepers secretly decide what the forecast shall be ahead of February 2. He is pulled out of his den by his keepers (wearing tuxedos) and (for show purposes) "whispers his weather prediction" to the one holding him.

The fact is that no matter what, spring is always six weeks away and it doesn't rely on Phil to find out what will happen.

More about Phil and the origins of this day can be found at http://www.groundhog.org/, http://wilstar.com/holidays/gmdhog.htm, and http://www.groundhogs.com

Early morning road trip

Sophomores Craig Dressler and Mike Mullin, freshmen Michelle Johnson and Erin Tarpey and RD Zak Lantz drove to Punxsutawney, Pa. to see the Groundhog Day ceremony.

Punxsutawney Phil, the famous weather-forecasting groundhog, predicted six more weeks of winter when he saw his shadow yesterday morning.

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Want to be like Elle Woods?

Keys to mastering the LSAT and MCAT

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

Remember the triumphant moment in Legally Blonde where we saw all of Elle's hard work pay off as she opened her LSAT scores and exclaimed "179!"?

Though a score one shy of perfect may be close to impossible, there are ways to prepare and master the art of taking the all important LSAT and MCAT tests.

This Saturday, 14 westminster students will take practice LSAT and MCAT tests in the Witherspoon room. The tests are being distributed by Kaplan.

Kaplan contacted the school with this idea, that they call a "test drive". They will calculate the scores at the end and contact each student with their results.

Dr. Tim Sherwood, the school's re-med advisor, sees a practice test as very valuable.

"Taking an MCAT is like running a marathon. It's a six hour text and you have to work up the mental endurance." He said practicing up to that length of a test is a good way to prepare.

There are courses and books students can study from to also help prepare. Whatever your method, Sherwood always advises his students to study "15 hours a week for 16 weeks" leading up to the test. Since the MCAT is only offered twice a year (April and August) it is very important to be as prepared as possible.

Students should also take courses to help them prepare. BIO 110,111, CHE 117, 180 261, 262, and PHY 151, and 152 are all recommended as well as a literature or writing class in addition to the required WRI 111. Though med schools are open to accepting students of many majors, these courses will help prepare students for the content of the MCATs.

Even though Elle Wood's score was unrealistic, she did portray the good initiative of studying for the LSAT.

Though there are not certain courses that should be taken before taken the test. Not preparing is not recommendable.

"People should take the test very seriously and prepare," advises Dr. Cohen, Westminster's pre-law advisor.

"You have to know how to take the test," Cohen added.

Kaplan explains in one of their preparatory books that the LSAT is unlike other tests because it is "skills based as opposed to content based".

There is no content to study. That is why it is important to learn how to prepare for this test and take the skills you already have (critical reading and analytical thinking) and learn how to use them to the best of your advantage.

Practice tests and studying on your own through prep books are one way of doing things. The career center lends out these prep books to students who are interested.

Another option is taking a prep course. Though these courses can be pricey, with the growing number of students taking them, it could put you at a disadvantage not to.

"If you take two students with the same skill level, the one who took a prep course is likely to score 4 or 5 points higher than the other" explained Cohen.

"I took a prep course for the LSAT and it helped me tremendously," said senior, political science major, Justin Hayek.

I highly recommend anyone who is taking a standardized exam, especially for graduate school, to do the same,"

Whether you're trying to beat Elle's score on the LSAT or master the MCAT, make sure have prepared and taken the time to learn about the test. Westminster offers two great advisors as well as free practice tests and self study books.

Take advantage of all your opportunities. And of course, like any other test, make sure to get plenty of rest the night prior to the big test.

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Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 21	Feb 27

Weather History

Snag, Yukon, has the record for the coldest Canadian temperature ever, with -81 degrees on Feb. 3, 1947. That same day, temperatures in the interior of Alaska dropped as low as -75 degrees.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	44	32	sh	37	23	sf	34	21	sf	33	20	sf	31	19	pc
Butler, PA	47	33	r	39	27	sn	37	21	sf	33	20	sf	33	19	pc
Cambridge, OH	48	33	sh	38	25	sn	37	22	sf	35	21	sf	34	21	pc
Canton, OH	46	32	sh	38	23	sf	35	22	sf	34	20	sf	32	19	pc
Cincinnati, OH	48	30	sh	40	23	sf	35	21	pc	33	21	c	37	23	c
Clarion, PA	45	34	r	38	26	sn	34	21	sf	31	19	sf	28	18	pc
Clarksburg, WV	52	35	r	44	27	r	38	22	sf	37	23	sf	35	21	pc
Cleveland, OH	46	34	sh	38	24	sf	34	22	sf	31	21	sf	31	21	pc
Columbus, OH	46	34	sh	38	24	sf	34	22	sf	36	22	sf	34	24	pc
Cumberland, MD	52	36	r	41	30	sn	39	25	sf	38	22	sf	36	22	pc
Erie, PA	46	33	r	39	26	sf	33	24	sf	31	22	sf	29	19	sf
Franklin, PA	45	33	r	39	28	sf	34	22	sf	33	21	sf	30	19	pc
Greensburg, PA	50	37	r	39	29	sn	37	24	sf	34	24	sf	34	22	pc

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	43	32	r	38	24	sf	34	22	sf	32	20	sf	29	19	pc
Grove City, PA	48	33	r	39	26	sf	36	22	sf	31	20	sf	31	19	pc
Hagerstown, MD	53	36	r	46	30	r	38	25	pc	39	24	sf	37	24	pc
Indiana, PA	51	38	r	38	29	sn	38	24	sf	34	22	sf	34	23	pc
Jamestown, NY	42	31	r	38	25	sf	31	21	sf	28	19	sf	28	17	sf
Kittanning, PA	49	35	r	37	28	sn	38	23	sf	36	24	sf	34	22	pc
Lisbon, OH	45	33	r	38	24	sf	35	22	sf	33	21	sf	30	20	pc
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New Castle, PA	45	33	r	38	25	sf	37	22	sf	34	21	c	32	20	pc

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Oil City, PA	45	33	r	39	27	sf	35	23	sf	32	20	sf	30	20	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	50	34	r	43	27	sn	35	23	sf	33	21	sf	31	19	pc
Sharon, PA	43	31	r	38	24	sf	35	22	sf	32	20	sf	30	19	pc
Somerset, PA	47	33	r	39	27	sn	33	21	sf	32	19	sf	29	18	pc
Steubenville, OH	50	34	r	35	26	sn	36	23	sf	34	22	sf	33	21	pc
Uniontown, PA	51	35	r	41	28	sn	37	26	sf	35	22	sf	35	21	pc
Warren, OH	43	31	r	38	24	sf	34	21	sf	32	20	sf	29	19	pc
Washington, PA	50	33	r	38	26	sn	37	23	sf	35	20	sf	33	18	pc
Waynesburg, PA	50	35	r	40	27	sn	37	24	sf	35	21	sf	34	20	pc
Wheeling, WV	51	34	r	37	26	sn	36	23	sf	35	22	sf	33	21	pc
Youngstown, OH	43	32	r	38	24	sf	35	22	sf	31	20	sf	29	19	pc
Wooster, OH	41	31	sh	37	24	sf	33	21	sf	32	19	sf	32	19	pc
Zanesville, OH	48	33	sh	37	26	sn	36	22	sf	36	21	sf	34	22	pc

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Reclaiming the Crown

Titan swimmers prepare for PAC playoffs

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

In an impressive win last year at the Grove City Invitational, Titan men's swim team captured the PAC championship as well as the invitational title.

They look to reclaim their crown in less than a week.

The men, led by All-American Ryan "Boston" Trunk, who is currently has the 3rd best time in the nation in the 50 freestyle, have had a successful season.

However, things are really just beginning. They are right at the peak and, from the looks of things, are better and faster than last years' team.

"These guys are swimming out of their suits and have been all season" Coach Rob Klamut noted.

"On the men's end of things, they set some high goals this season; a win against Carnegie Mellon, an undefeated dual meet season and finally to reclaim the PAC."

This year for the Titans, on both the men's and women's sides of things, this has not been an easy task. The Titans have an even larger target than before on their backs.

Coach and both teams know that a repeat will take as much, if not more work than the past season.

"This was without a doubt a harder training trip; it was 10 days of very intense training. We went from quantity of training to quality of training and it's all for the PACs," Klamut added.

"There are more members of both teams pushing to make NCAA cuts this year than ever before."

Junior Matt Kerns felt that the hard work in Florida is really paying off.

"Florida as tough as it was, is going to make the taper that much more effective; we all have a tremendous amount of energy," said Kerns.

Even though the men are looking to reclaim their crown, the women are looking to revenge a close loss to W&J.

The women this year have a new boost of confidence as they defeated W&J in the regular dual meet season, which was one of their main season objectives.

Not only did they beat W&J, they also completed the other two of their three goals by also beating Carnegie Mellon and Wooster.

Along with the men improving steadily, the women are right there with them.

"We men and women are both very excited as well as confident for PACs," Kerns also noted.

Coach Klamut feels more confident about this year than ever before.

"The keys to winning PACs for both teams this year are to stay healthy, relaxed and also swimming well," he added.

"More or less, both teams need to keep doing what they have been doing and we will be fine."

With most of the goals complete, there is one left on the agenda and that is a PAC crown for both the men and the women.

I encourage everyone to head over to Grove City College next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to cheer the Titans on to victory. On behalf of the entire Holcad Sports Staff, we wish Coach Klamut and the Titan swimmers the best of luck next weekend.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

One for the Thumb

"It was a 'Cinderella Story' that even [Walt] Disney would have thought too improbable to tell. But the story of the 1990-91 Pittsburgh Penguins was truly a fairy tale that came to life."

These lines serve as the opening for One from the Heart, a highlight video documenting team's first Stanley Cup victory.

Is it scary that I know this? Yes. I have the entire video memorized.

Great theatre drives professional sports.

Who could forget Brett Favre's 399 passing yards and four touchdowns in a 41-7 route of the Oakland Raiders on Monday Night Football? Even more impressive, the performance came only hours after the passing of his father, Irvin Favre.

How about Kurt Warner leading the St. Louis Rams to a Super Bowl victory over the Titans, while only a few months before he was stocking shelves in a grocery store?

Then there's Mario Lemieux. After returning from a bone infection that sidelined him for the first four months of the '90-'91 season, Lemieux went on the win the Conn Smythe Trophy (MVP of the playoffs).

Or Jerome Bettis, the Pittsburgh Steelers' #36 inhaler-toting battering ram who will return to Detroit to park the "Bus" in the garage for the final time.

Bettis grew up merely five miles from Ford Field, the site of Super Bowl XL.

Furthermore, the Super Bowl will be played on February 5th, which is coincidentally the 36th day of 2006.

All cosmic signs lead to a Steelers' victory on Sunday. I'll spare you the million reasons why the Steelers will win, as Pittsburgh news stations have graciously afforded 95% of their coverage to that task.

Rather, I'm sticking with the supernatural. The Starbucks-sipping Pearl Jam heads from the Northwest do not provide an adequate story line for a Super Bowl victory.

To conclude, Jerome Bettis and Co. will head into Detroit holding a seven-game winning streak. They'll leave Detroit holding the Vince Lombardi trophy - a trophy that will finally validate the magnificent coaching career of Bill Cowher.

Sorry Seattle. Sorry Cleveland. It's time for the "Butt-Ugly" city from the Northeast to provide the NFL with its next act of theatre.

Titans in motion...

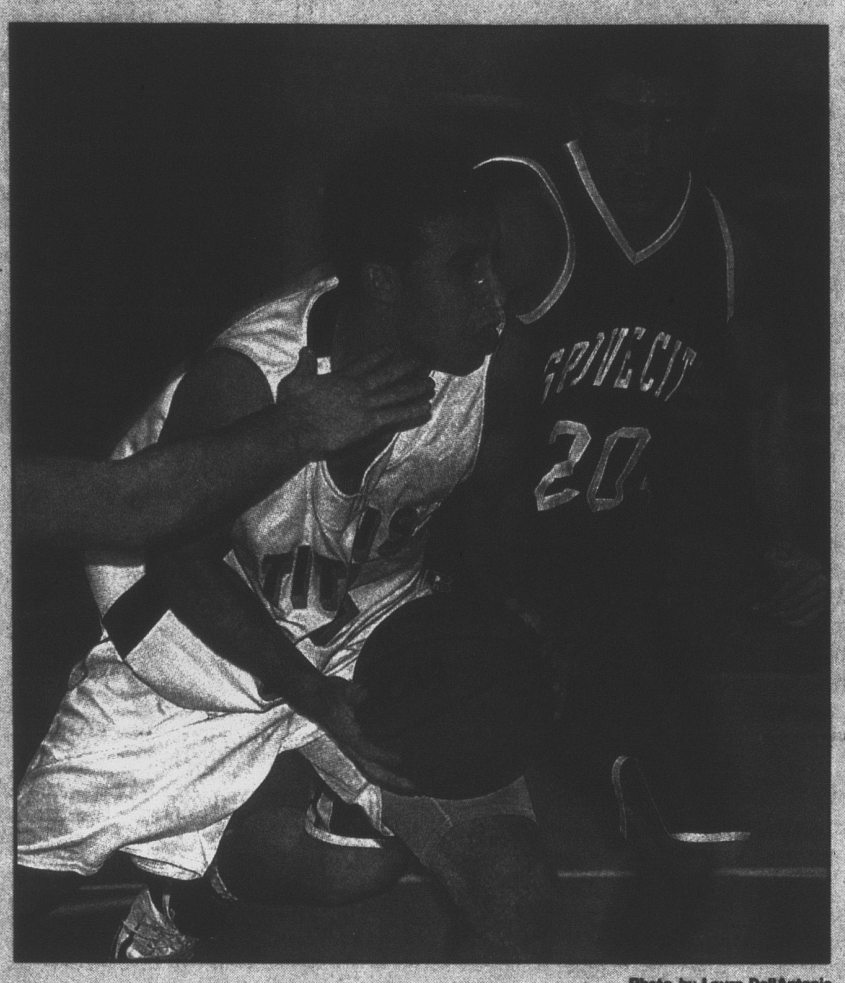

Photo by Laura DellAntonio
Mark DeMonaco shows no fear against the Wolverines.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio
Emilee Ackerman shields the ball with ease.

Justin Egley's
Best Eggs
of the week

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Terese Marszalek with the steal and the easy layup

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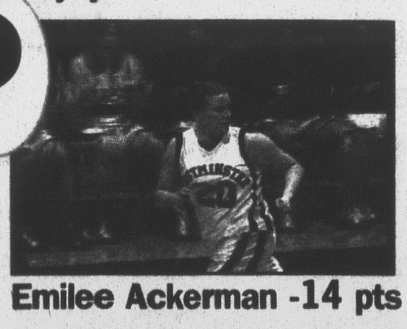

Emilee Ackerman -14 pts

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Nick Adams 18 pts 5 - 3 pointers

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Mark DeMonaco with 23 points

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Between the legs pass to Hannon for the 3

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Desiree Sterling with the buzzer beater, and it's good for three. 20 pts total

Each week watch Justin Egley crack into some of the best plays of the week on the *County Line* on the Westminster College Cable Network, Channel 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Syriana

Oil and George Clooney mix well

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

I really don't think I could have picked a more complex movie to review this week. I've been staring at my computer screen in a futile attempt to summarize the intriguing plot of *Syriana*. However, there is no plot to summarize; rather, it is a labyrinth of intricate connections that will leave you baffled, yet completely aware of what is happening.

Syriana is a series of interlocking stories about oil, money, corruption, the fragile Middle East, the powerful United States, China, CIA assassinations and the ultimate question of what really this film is about.

The film opens with one of the Gulf States signing a deal to supply its oil to China. This deal knocks down Connex, a Texas-based oil company. Amidst this sore subject, an obscure oil-company called Killen signs a deal for the rights to drill in Kazakhstan.

What? Don't worry; it doesn't matter if you are a little bit confused. Connex solves their money woes by merging with Killen, thus giving them the rights to drill in oil-rich Kazakhstan. However, the Justice Department smells something shady and starts an investigation of this "merger."

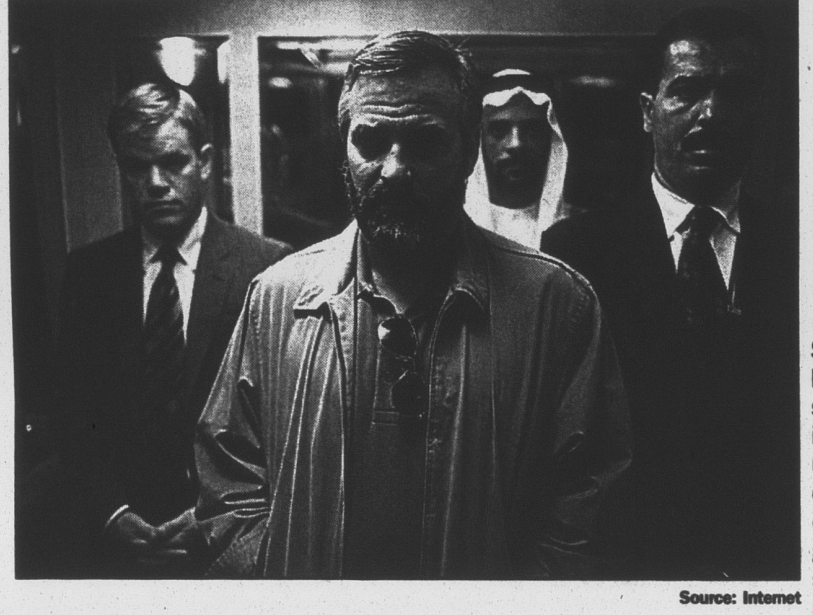
While things are getting a little bit murky in America, similar events are unfolding in the Middle East. An aging emir is left to decide which of his two sons will inherit the throne: the corrupt and immature Prince Nasir (Alexander Siddig) or the intelligent and idealistic Prince Meshal (Akbar Kurtha)? It seems like an easy decision, but certain events reveal that it is a tense and dangerous situation.

There are some familiar characters in the movie that will help mold together some loose threads as the complex plot unfolds. George Clooney plays Robert Barnes, a CIA agent whose job description technically doesn't exist. He carries out assassinations, but we (and probably he) are never really sure whose orders he is following. Matt Damon plays a witty trader, Bryan Woodman, who lives in Switzerland, but is anything but neutral when it comes to persuasion and energy advice. Jimmy Pope (Chris Cooper) is the no-nonsense CEO of Killen, and Dean Whiting (Christopher Plummer) is the powerful Washington lawyer in charge of the justice investigations. Finally, Bennett Holiday (Jeffrey Wright) is hired to find out the dirty secrets behind the merger…and then ignore what he finds. Make sense? I thought so.

The cast really isn't that important, and neither is the plot. The storyline is so tangled that you really aren't supposed to get it; instead, you are supposed to emerge yourself in it. The players in this game don't even understand what is going on, therefore making us feel just as confused as they are. What this movie boils down to is this: there isn't enough oil to meet our greedy demands. The countries that have the oil have the power, but not really. Eventually their economies will crumble when the oil runs out, but until then, they dictate the world's most precious resource. This will make some people rich and some people dead.

My advice to you is: prepare to be overwhelmed but the plot, but prepare to be amazed at your ability to still sift through and get the murky message of the film. It really is a fun trip for the brain to sort through, and the acting is superior along with the dozen different sets. Leave our simple existence in New Wilmington to dip into the complex world of *Syriana*. Rating: A

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.



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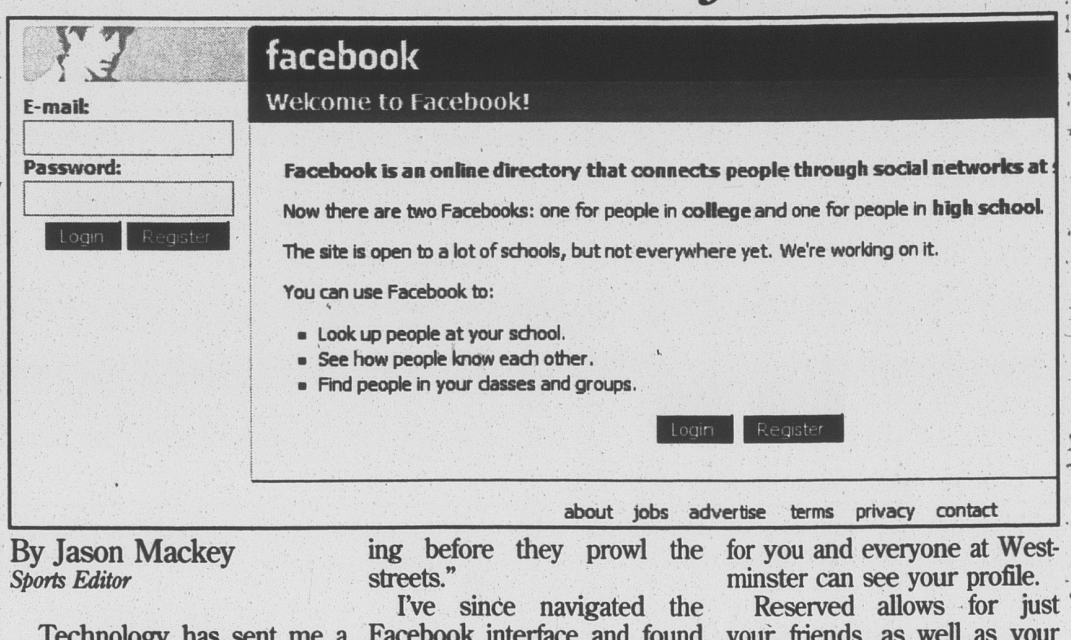
Matt Damon and George Clooney star in *Syriana*.

Facebook

Is 'The Face' safe?



By Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Technology has sent me a whole-hearted goodbye.

As a relative stranger to the idea of Facebook, I decided to sit down and become further acquainted with the web site.

Facebook serves as a social networking service, linking high school and college students across the globe. For those of you who have been living in the same hole as I have for the past two years, Facebook users create personal profiles, join groups of friends and exchange public or private messages.

Interestingly enough, Facebook originated among institutions more intellectually advanced than our own. Founded in 2004 at Harvard University, "Thefacebook" served as a photographic database for the incoming freshman class.

The web site spread quickly throughout the student body and eventually matriculated to students from Stanford, Yale, Columbia, as well as many other "smart people" schools.

While some may view Facebook as a premiere social tool, new users proceed with caution.

"Online predators, the up and coming way of the predator, are very computer savvy," Dean of Security John Lechner said. "That's where they go looking anymore. They're letting their fingers do the walking before they prowl the streets."

I've since navigated the Facebook interface and found an extremely simple way to guard against this.

NOTE: Without adjusting your privacy settings - anyone in the world with a Facebook account can find you, look at you, and learn more about you.

By clicking on the My Privacy tab on the left side of your screen, you can alter your Privacy Level.

Four options are available: Normal, Reserved, Paranoid, and Custom.

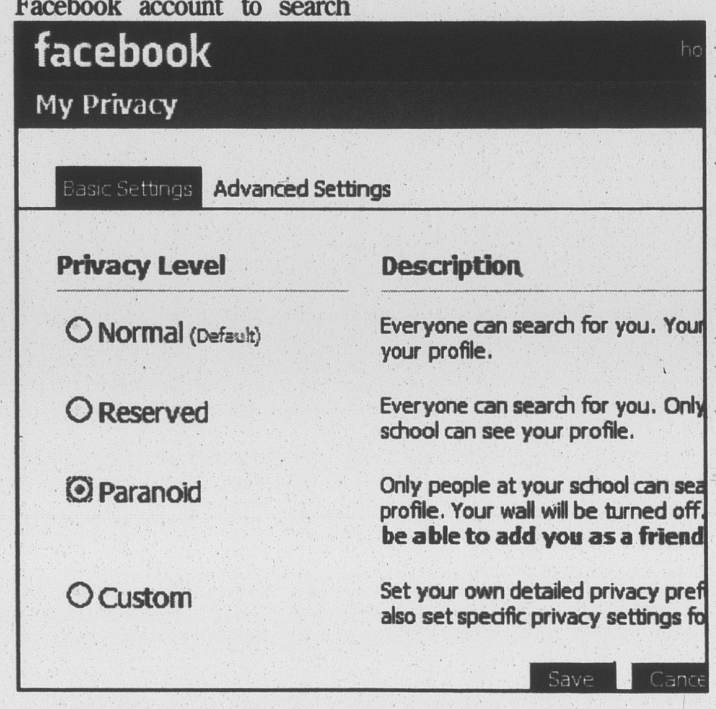
Normal enables your friends and everyone with a Facebook account to search for you and everyone at Westminster can see your profile.

Reserved allows for just your friends, as well as your friends of friends at Westminster to search for you.

Paranoid restricts the viewing of your profile to your friends. Furthermore, your wall is turned off and people at other schools may not add you as a friend.

Custom enables the user to create your own settings and privacy restrictions according to your own needs.

I've learned that Facebook can be a pretty cool waste of time and way of dodging productivity, but while you neglect your schoolwork - be safe.



Make a Short Stop at the Shortstop Inn

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Instead of going to the surrounding areas to find food off campus, I took a few short steps to Shortstop! This comfy, cozy country restaurant is small in atmosphere but large in menu. Located in between the only two traffic lights in New Wilmington, it's impossible to miss.

Every day there is a list of daily specials on a chalk board as you walk in the door and also inside the dining area. The specials change daily to give customers a variety of choice. The menu includes basic items like pizzas, pepperoni rolls, sausage rolls and strombolies. You can order a basket of chicken tenders, shrimp or chicken nuggets with fries. For lunch there are cold sandwiches, hot sandwich platters, specialty sandwiches and salads. Lunch prices start at $6.95. Dinners include Italian bread, with butter or their famous apple butter, and soup or salad. Some dinners include sirloin filet at $11.95 and baked ham at $9.95. Some Italian dinners are Lasagna, chicken parmagiana, cheese ravioli, rigatoni and spaghetti with meatballs. There is also a long list of chicken, turkey and seafood dinners.

And of course at a country style restaurant, there are always homemade desserts. For under $4 you could get a homemade apple crisp, apple dumpling, peanut butter ice cream pie, a pecan ball and other assorted pies and cheesecake.

So if you have a little extra money to get yourself something a little nicer than Eat 'N Park or Kings, head over to The Shortstop Inn Restaurant for some home cooking that's only ever done in the middle of nowhere, like New Wilmington.

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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Calendar

February 3, 2006
Men's and Women's Track and Field at Case Western Reserve Invitational
RA Appreciation Week
9:00 AM Parent Patrol Meeting – MCC Club
11:00 AM RA Appreciation Lunch – MCC Club
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Guest Artist Organ Recital: Craig Cramer – Wallace Memorial Chapel

February 4, 2006
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152
10:00 AM Guest Artist Organ Master Class: Craig Cramer – Orr Auditorium
2:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
4:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

February 5, 2006
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Jarhead – MCC Mueller Theater
3:00 PM Senior Oboe Recital: Shelly Culver – Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:30 PM - 11:00 PM Super Bowl Tailgate Vesper Service – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till – MCC Mueller Theater

February 6, 2006
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:15 PM CPC Meeting – MCC Club
6:00 PM IM Co-ed Indoor Soccer Captains' Meeting – Memorial Field House Classroom 100
7:30 PM Concerto Aria Competition – Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes – MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 7, 2006
6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Career Center Internship/Summer Job Fair – MCC Witherspoon Rooms
12:40 PM Faculty Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77
5:30 PM BSU Meeting – MCC 255
9:00 PM Newman Club – MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 8, 2006
Last Day to Drop ($15 Fee)
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: David Swerdlow, "'The Nests' and Other Poems, A Reading" – MCC Mueller Theater
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:30 PM Lambda Sigma Tea – MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152
6:00 PM Circle K Meeting – 231 Patterson
7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

February 9, 2006
Men's and Women's Swimming at PAC Championships (through February 11 at Grove City College)
6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium
12:35 PM - 1:40 PM GET REAL Lunch and Topic of the Day: Outdoor Getaways – MCC Club
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM SAA Meeting – Miller Board Room
7:00 PM Mortarboard Meeting – MCC 255
7:30 PM Men's Basketball vs. Geneva (H)
8:00 PM "Stargazing Tonight" (meet in Hoyt lobby) – Hoyt Planetarium
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

Sudoku!

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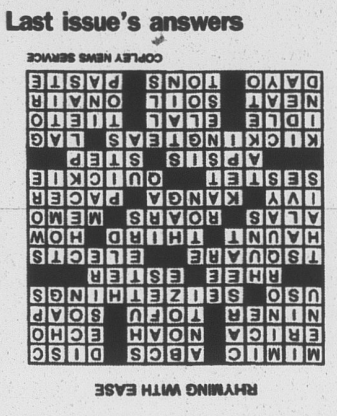

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Think of creative ways to put your money to work this week. Investments in the arts are likely to bring the desired results.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It only takes a minute to express your most sincere feelings. Draw your friends close and make them aware of their importance and value in your life.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): This would be a great time to make adjustments in your professional goal or career path. Uncover your passion and get on the road to success and happiness.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Make sure that your political, religious or philosophical ideas are in order. You may be called upon to defend or explain a platform, belief or point of view.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Deal with a financial setback that may be the result of a speculative venture gone awry. From now on, you would be wise to stick with more conventional fiscal projects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Personal relationships are fraught with tension and perhaps jealousy fueled by insecurity. Do your best to rise above the drama and openly discuss your concerns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): There is an element of doubt affecting your decisions. Postpone consolidating your plans without first making sure that you have all of the facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Enjoy a variety of social activities this week. Choose a new hobby or entertainment venue that a friend or loved one would also find pleasurable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Avoid flying too high with dreams or expectations. Get focused and make a conscious effort to keep your feet on the ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Look forward to a constant exchange of thoughts and ideas. Put yourself in a position where you can easily and openly communicate with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Achievements in your career or in the business sector translate into an increase in your income. Acknowledge and celebrate your success in style.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your life is in a state of transformation that is likely to manifest on several different levels. Slow down and proceed with caution.

Crossword

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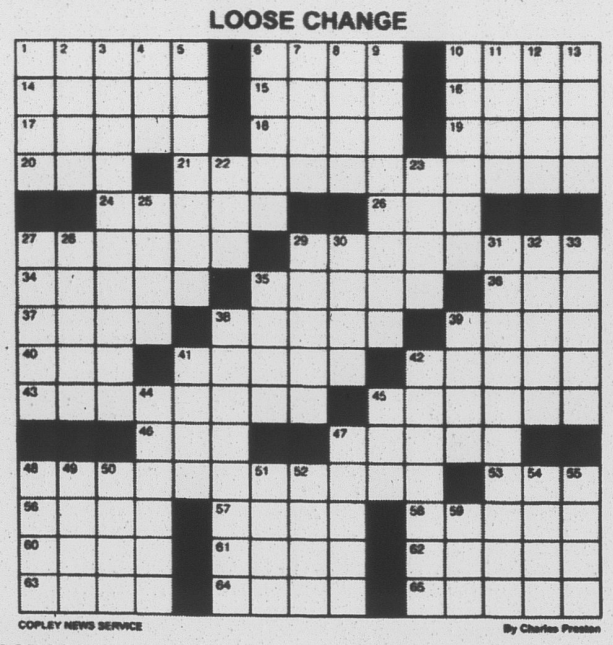

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21 Investor selections, sometimes
24 Atlanta university
26 Hydrolysis atom
27 No.1 tune of 1958
29 Miniature photograph
34 A dot in the ocean
35 Morocco's capital
36 Winter danger
37 Greek letters
38 Roadhouse
39 Hook's mate
40 One, to Hans
41 Palindromic principle
42 Song of joy
43 Conceive of being
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48 Racing distance
53 Finish'd
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62 River to the Rhone
63 Huff and puff
64 Novelist Gould
65 Moms' moms

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5 Automotive shelter
6 Like warm Brie
7 ___ all-time high
8 Contrary girl
9 Bodily
10 Pennsylvania mountain chain
11 Actor Baldwin
12 Glaciarium
13 Preschool attendees
22 Two-way preposition
23 Civil wrong
25 Actresses West and Clarke
27 Malicious person
28 Davis, of Jungle Fever
29 Pair of socks
30 Oh, sure!
31 Commonplace
32 Continental divider
33 Minuscule
35 Novelist Jaffe
38 Old-fashioned: sl.
39 Give a bellyful
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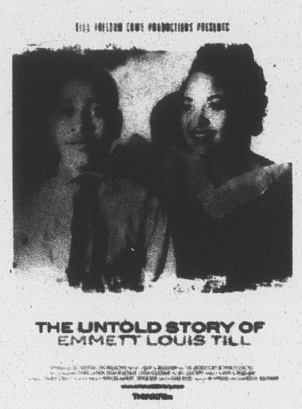

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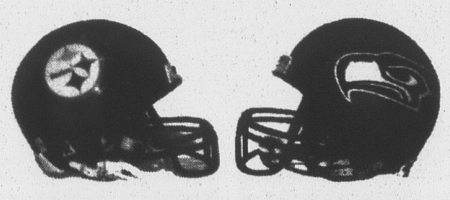

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FEATURES

"Get Your Own Damn Beer, I'm Watching the Game!"

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

A few weeks ago, I was forced to watch the Steelers/Colts game in Cleveland with my boyfriend and his family. Needless to say, they are huge Browns fans and hate the Steelers. I am from the Pittsburgh area and have been a Steelers fan since I could wave my Terrible Towel.

Obviously, this wasn't my ideal choice of location to watch the game, but since I drove all the way up there, I figured I was staying and I would be a good sport. Things started out nicely and the Steelers took the quick lead. The second half, however, wasn't so sportsmanlike. Between his mother's comments like "Break Ben's knee!" and "Take Polamalu's head off," I tried to remain rational.

I remember thinking, "I can contain myself, I'm a 22 year old soon-to-be college graduate." But inside I found myself getting furious.

"You're just jealous because the Steelers actually know how to win a game and make the playoffs," my bitter mind thought. It wasn't long before those comments were coming out of my mouth and into his living room.

After the infamous Bettis fumble, I almost had to walk out of the house. My blood was boiling. Things were getting worse. Could it be that I picked the absolute worst place to watch this game? I was thinking the answer was a resounding yes.

In the end, the Steelers won, but I was still mad. I guess it's human nature to root against the team you don't like, but sometimes I think we need to remember that it's only a game.

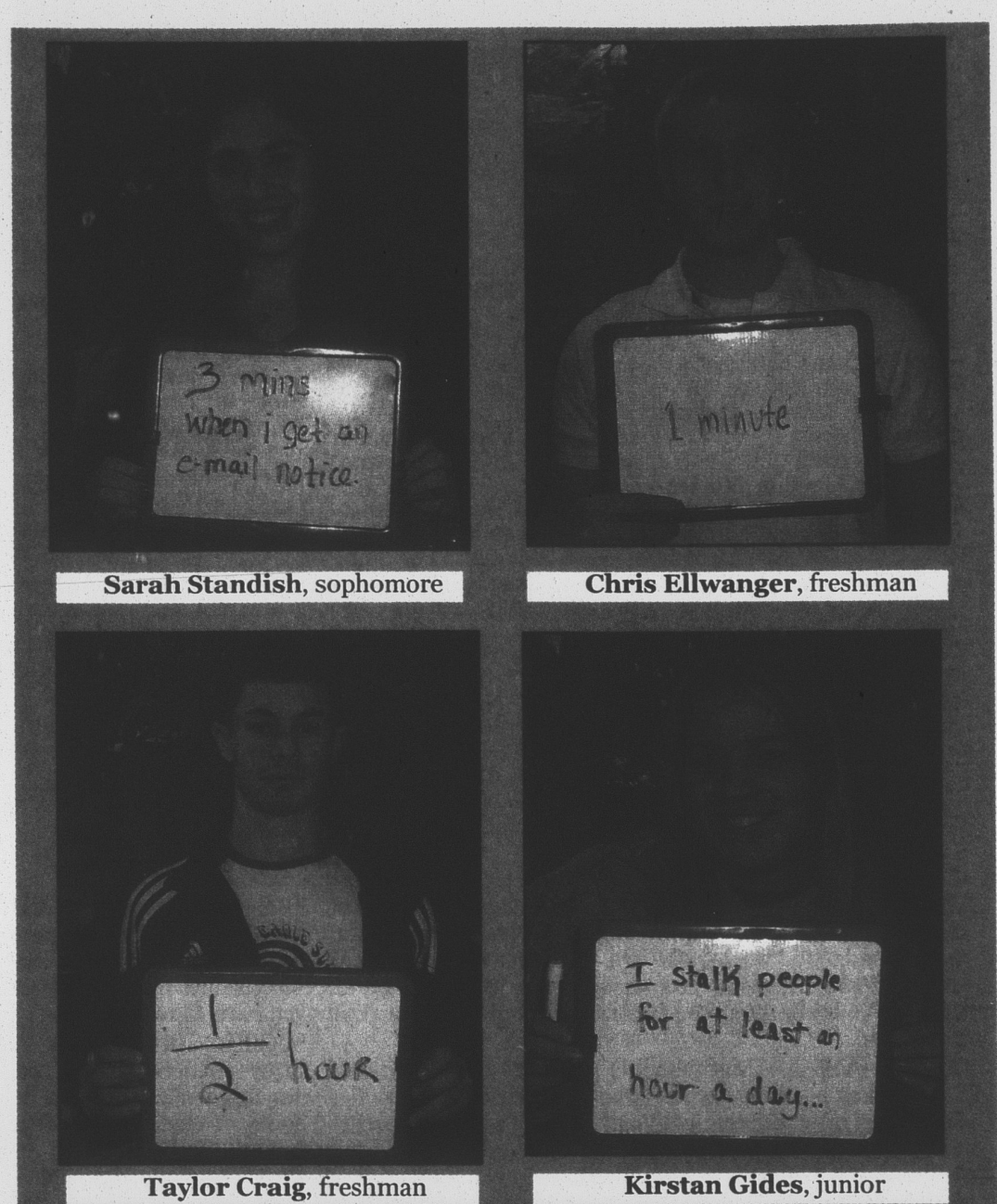
In the past few years, I've learned that girls like sports just as much as the guys do. We might like it for different reasons or for the same reasons, but we like it as much. I might not be able to tell you the statistics of every NFL player on every NFL team like my boyfriend can, but I can tell you what kind of shampoo Troy Polamalu likes (it's Pantene ProV, by the way). Women like sports just as much as men, even if we don't always admit it either.

This Sunday, as I watch the game with all my other girlfriends, I will be cheering on the Steelers to a fifth Superbowl victory. I think Holly Robinson Peete, wife of former NFL player Rodney Peete, says what all women will be thinking this Sunday, with the title of her new book, "Get Your Own Damn Beer, I'm Watching the Game."

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She recently gave into peer pressure and joined the Facebook clan. She revels in the fact that the Browns probably won't make the playoffs in the next century.

Question of the Week:

How much time do you spend on Facebook a day?



Sarah Standish, sophomore

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Scarfing up winter fashion

——Natalie tells us how to wrap up in style

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

The scarf has transformed over the years from its functional use to a fashionable accessory.

Today, there is an array of scarves available for females and males alike.

"Scarves are a cheap way to spiff up your outfit," sophomore Jeremy Lawler said.

The scarf dates as far back as 1000 B.C. where it is displayed on various Chinese sculptures. In the last-half century, the scarf became a symbol of Hollywood glamour. Icons such as Marilynn Monroe and Grace Kelly wore elegant silk scarves with sunglasses during the 1950s.

Today, our generation has moved away from the traditional silk scarves. Wool and cotton serve as the main scarf fabric in the industry and have taken on more roles than just for wearing around the neck. A scarf may be transformed into shawls, head coverings, accent pieces, belts and even clothing.

American Apparel Clothing featured a Sheer Jersey Scarf on their website. They described it as "all-purpose" considering the 93" by 16" loop terry cloth scarf can be made into anything from a skirt to tube top. Their website, www.americanapparelstore.com, also features videos showing the different scarf folding techniques that are used to transform a simple cloth into much more.

Scarf folding techniques have gained popularity throughout history and have helped define the fashion of a particular period. A prime example is the "Kelly Scarf" named after the actress and princess, Grace Kelly. The technique uses a square scarf folded around the head to protect a hair-style or to simply look glamorous.

Today, people wear scarves to not only keep warm, but to look great as well. Kathryn Larson, co-editor of the Holcad, is almost always sporting one of these great accessories. She folds her into a knot by pairing the two ends together, placing it around her neck, and then looping the paired ends through the opposite folded side.

"I started really wearing scarves in high school when I wore my mother's sashes around my waist," Larson said.

Scarves come in all styles, shapes, materials and patterns.

"I would suggest going to TJ-Max because you can find really nice scarves for really cheap," Larson said. There is a TJ-Max store located in Hermitage where over-stocked name brand clothing and accessories are sold at discount prices. Gabriel Brothers, located in Boardman Ohio, also sells discounted items.

While researching the history of the scarf, I came upon a very interesting website. Owned and operated by a German scarf lover, the site includes a gallery of ads featuring models wearing scarves as well as a guestbook and links. This just shows that scarves are not just a fashion statement, but a hobby to some. Check out this site at http://www.dress-codescarf.de/frameset.htm for great scarf-wearing ideas.

Natalie Coccia is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her iPod, and if you copy her style you're dead meat.

Photo by Natalie Coccia

Juniors Chelsea Miller and Rachel Brown model their scarves.

Q & A with one lucky freshman

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a student with diabetes

Diabetes affects every organ, every part of your body. Things like bad circulation, blindness and heart problems can happen if you don't learn to control your diabetes; simply being diagnosed with this disease cuts off 10 years of your life.

Leah Maxwell, freshman

When she first came to campus last semester, everyone thought freshman Leah Maxwell was carrying around an Ipod wherever she went. Little did they know that Leah, a biochemistry major, was in fact wearing an insulin pump that helps to keep her alive.

At the young age of 10, this Latrobe, PA native was eating and drinking like a normal child, but she had lost over 10 pounds in a month. Leah's parents took her to the hospital and she was diagnosed with Type I diabetes, or juvenile diabetes, which means that her body produces no insulin on its own.

At the time, Leah's blood sugar level was 860, way above the average person's levels of 90-120.

"The doctors said if I had waited another hour before going to the hospital, I would have been in a coma," Leah said.

She spent a week in the hospital getting her blood sugar levels adjusted. She also had to learn how to take care of herself.

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"I remember I wasn't that scared, I just didn't want to stay in the hospital any longer."

Nine years later, Leah deals with her diabetes every single day. Seven to eight times a day she pokes her finger in order to check her blood sugar levels. She must eat meals even when she isn't hungry and constantly be aware of what she is eating.

"I can do anything I want and eat anything I want," Leah said. "It's only harder because I have to pay attention to little things that most people don't have to. I've been counting carbs since I was 10."

For every 15 grams of carbohydrates she eats, Leah must take one unit of insulin. The insulin pump she wears is on her body 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She changes the insulin cartridge inside of the pump every other day. While the pump may seem like a bit of a hassle to most people, Leah appreciates the simplicity of it.

"For four years I had to inject myself with shots every single day, but now it's only every other day. The pump acts like a pancreas but outside of the body," Leah explained.

Although she is upbeat about the possibility of a cure for her disease, Leah acknowledges that complications can still occur.

"Diabetes affects every organ, every part of your body," she said. "Things like bad circulation, blindness and heart problems can happen if you don't learn to control your diabetes; simply being diagnosed with this disease cuts off 10 years of your life."

Leah is persistent in her participation in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is involved in a number of projects and along with her family and friends, raises over $30,000 a year towards diabetes research. She also gives speeches at diabetes events.

Perhaps because of Leah's experience in hospitals at such a young age, her ultimate goal is to become a pediatric surgeon. She first gained interest working with doctors and surgeons through a technical program in high school. After shadowing a surgeon at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Leah knew she wanted to work with children.

"The doctors in the hospital took such good care of me when I was first diagnosed with diabetes," Leah said. "Those doctors influenced me to become a doctor. I want to help people and make them better like they did for me."

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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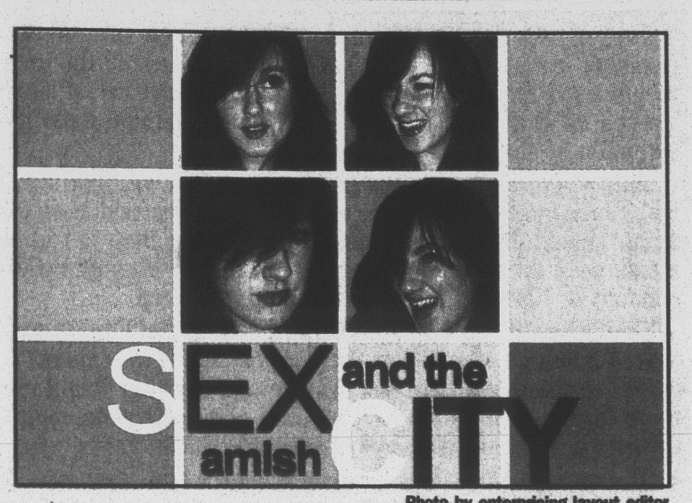

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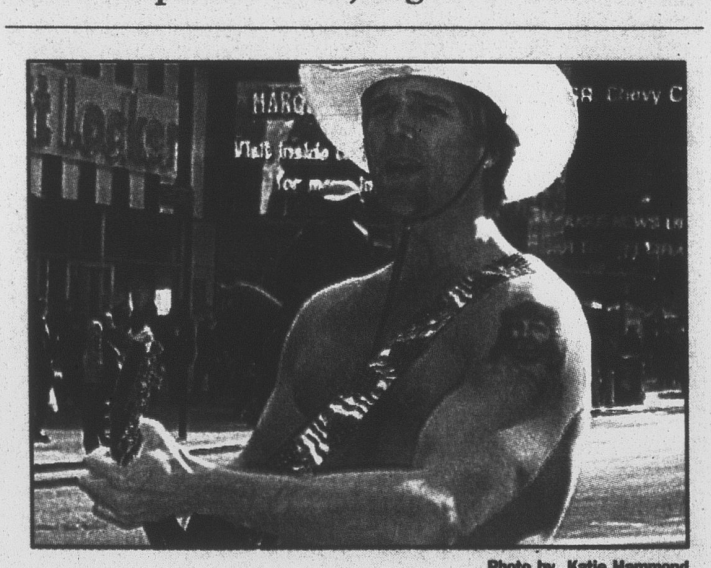

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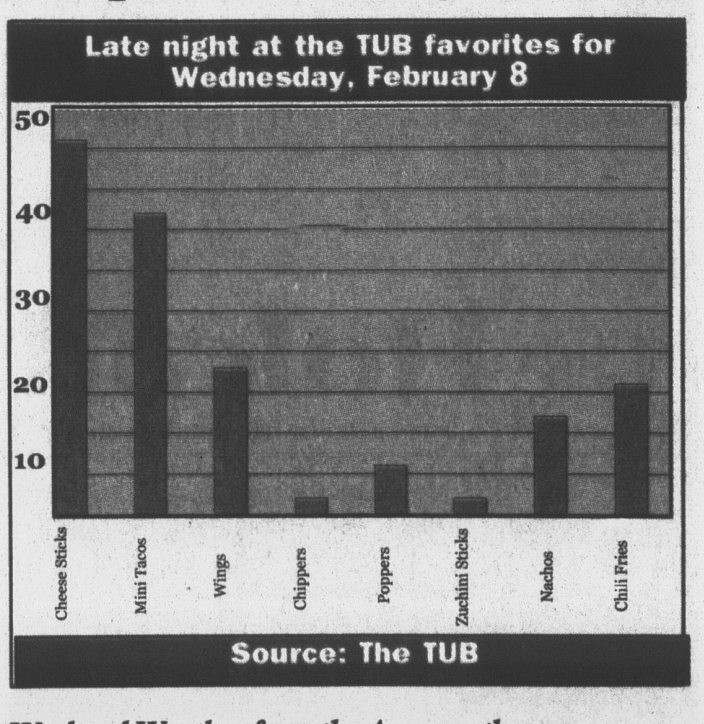

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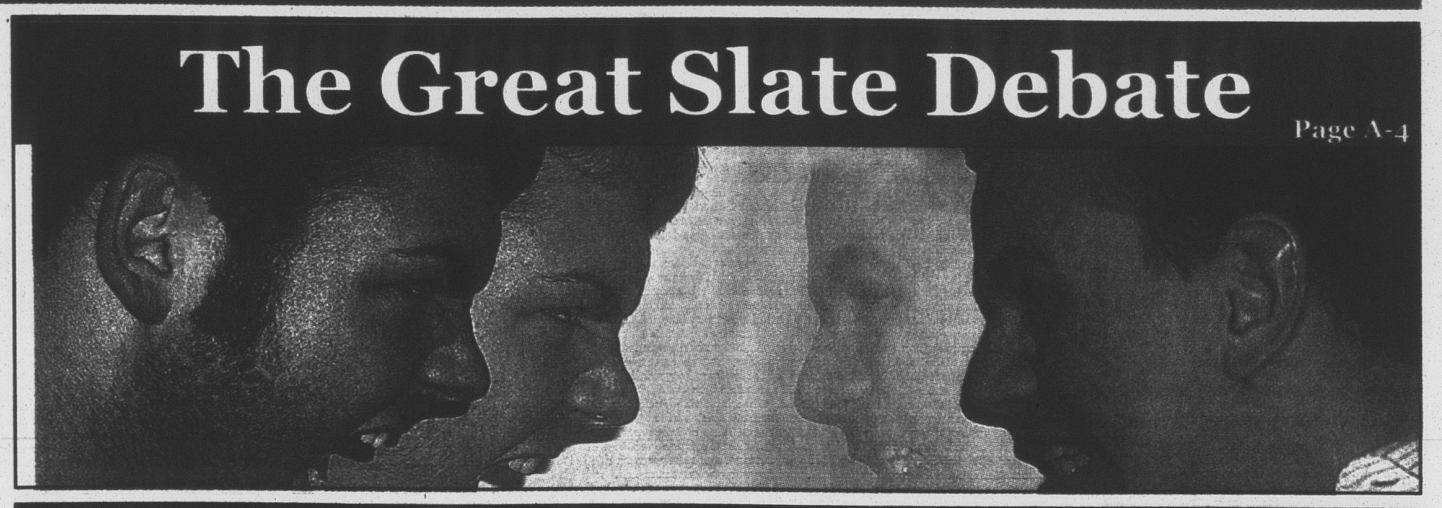

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Follow your nose to your next Valentine

By Laura Pollitt
Campus writer

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, the debate arises: can one enhance their chances to fall in love based on pherenomes?

"Pherenomes are a type of molecule released by the body that can attract or repel on others" said biology professor Joshua Corrette-Bennett.

When asked what his views were on love being connected with biology and chemistry he said, "To some extent it's true. You can be influenced by it. Pherenomes play a significant part but how much is difficult to say".

Junior Jessica Limpert agrees.

"I think it has to do with a little of biology and well as behavior...it's hard to say how much biology plays a part though," said Limpert.

Research shows that women are considered more attractive when their oestrogen levels are that their peak, according to newscientist.com.

Research also shows a connection with pherenomes and love within people, however, there is still uncertainty.

There are colognes and perfumes that guarantee to enhance one's phernomes. These products tend to be over-hyped on the market.

"There are two, four letter words we are talking about; love and lust. Is there a difference and where do we draw the line? Chemical lust is when one says they instantly fell in love whereas the longer lasting love is behavior," said Corrette-Bennett.

Although people tend to think love is based on pherenomes, it's more likely lust.

Most people agree that love is the long term commitment whereas lust is the initial reaction.

Lust can be altered by biology, but in the long run it is up to the person to develop true and long lasting love.

"Biology and chemistry are the mechanisms, not the foundations, by which God imparts love in people," said junior Chrissy Cole.

Scientists are quick to say love is based on the biological make-up of a person although there is not clear evidence and research of it.

Experiments have been done on mice, fish and some birds and all research shows most were attracted to another's immune system.

"Some birds did not show this to be completely true," said Corrette-Bennett.

Research has been trying to prove people are subconsciously attracted to the immune systems of others.

Although, ones pherenomes can not guarantee true love, it can help enhance chances for a long lasting love.

This Valentines Day don't sit around hoping Cupid will find you love, instead trust science will help start a lasting love and let your pherenomes do most of the grunt work.

'Roulez le bon temps'
Mardi Gras 2006

By Heather Evakich
Campus writer

Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," has long been cause for celebration, and here on campus, it's no different.

The college will be holding a Mardi Gras celebration from 6-8 p.m. in the Witherspoon Rooms of the McKelvey Campus Center on Friday, February 10, 2006. The event will have a carnival atmosphere, with games of chance, face painting and even a vote for Mardi Gras King and Queen. The event booths will be run by various campus organizations.

"There will be things that are fun for college students and kids alike," LLP student Alex Hines, co-chair of special events for CPC said. Some of the activities running will include Karaoke Revolution put on by Seekers, slime making courtesy of the Chemistry Club, Pin the Tail on Caesar hosted by Eta Sigma Phi, a bean bag toss from Phi Mu and many other games and booths run by the campus.

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At this year's Mardi Gras party find out who will win king and queen, and who will play the monkey.

Mardi Gras is hosted by the SAA, with CPC co-sponsoring. The CPC will be having henna and caricature artists, and are encouraging students to donate $1 and the community to donate $2. All proceeds will be going to support hurricane relief.

So why Mardi Gras?

"It's something different," SAA Mardi Gras committee member sophomore Claire Celli said. "It's a chance to bring together the Greek and non-Greek organizations so everyone can have a good time." 16 organizations have signed up for booths from both the Greek and non-Greek communities on campus, so there certainly will be much mingling between the two. Celli went on to say that this event will be a chance for the campus and the town to get together as well.

Even though the official title of the event is literally "Fat Tuesday," it will be held on a Friday.

"Fridays are easier," Celli said. "People don't have to work, and there isn't much to do so everyone can come out and enjoy themselves."

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OUR VIEW

This week, *The Holcad* received a tip that members of faculty and staff have been using student accounts on Facebook to read profiles, view pictures, and see group memberships for reasons officially unknown but highly theorized.

The Holcad would like to remind students, faculty, and staff that **it is a violation of Facebook Terms of Use to use someone else's account to use the site.** It's also a violation of the privacy of the registered users expect from Facebook. If you let someone use your account, it could be removed from the site because of the violation.

Please respect these rules so that Facebook can flourish without having to worry about people using its services without registering for themselves.

Faculty, staff, alumni and graduate students can register accounts on Facebook, too. There are already a small number of these people who have profiles, and *The Holcad* applauds their foray into the online social networking community.

If you think that someone has used your account, change your password so they cannot access it again and don't give out your new password.

RANT & RAVE

Mick Jagger beeps for no one.

Who are you, and why are you looking at my Facebook?

WHRMYKEZ

I'll cut off that thumb if you don't stop yapping about it.

I can't believe I read that whole thing.

Disconnected? Ha.

I want my low ping back!

Kudos to the TUB for their newfound diversity!

Springhill's playing tonight!

And I still have yet to study.

Tilt one back with me, dawg.

Who uses googleymoogley?

We really do need more Rant & Raves. That'd be illustrious.

Come an' get what's coming to ya, me hearties.

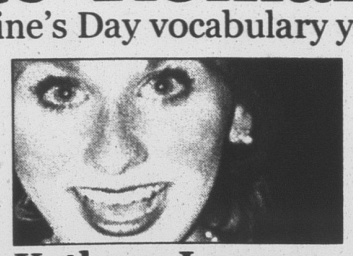
Pathetic.

OMFGROFLLMAOBBQ!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

'Easy Mac' Romances

Valentine's Day vocabulary you don't want to miss



Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

It's Valentine's Day. Well, not yet, but the one day of the year that makes cheesy goo of us all is right around the corner.

And no matter how much I try to avoid this "lovey dovey day," it will unabashedly contain a smattering of what I call: Easy-Mac Romances.

I liken this one conspicuous day to having a full-fledged attack/week of PMS.

Let me wax on this phenomena: someone has put puffy Cheetos, spray cheese cans and orange nuked ingredients two inches from a salivating Kathryn-monster. Now here is the question: what do you think the Kathryn-monster will do?

Voraciously eat everything around her.

Of course, this urge for salty treats is deplorable; after all, eating these delicious creamy treats will eventually end, like a box of wine, in a turbulent tummy ache.

But let's get one thing straight: we are mere mortal Americans- we can't help liking fake cheese.

So, I digress, how does one avoid a cheesy Valentine's Day disaster? It's hard.

Assuredly you don't want to pick up any pimple faced lad for a proverbial nightly tryst, but under the right circumstances-it's ok to indulge in those Easy-Mac "feelings" of romance- as long as you do it politely- by smacking your tit.

That's right, sensitive reader, you have read that last sentence correctly.

In fact, I'm sure if Jane Austen were here she'd be doing just that on Valentine's Day. And I'm almost certain she'd be whacking the cock, but never ever would she flash the hash.

Now, don't you fret a button, I'm not being scandalous, I'm merely enlightening you on some new phrases you can use on your honey for the most illustrious day of the year.

Smacking the tit merely means neatly riding a horse and whacking the cock is a game played with chickens. Flashing the hash is never a nice quality; it means to vomit.

As you can already tell, I believe this day doesn't have to feel congealed with those horrid red and white "I love you" stale hearts; rather, it can be funny, humorous and dare I say intelligent.

Gentle readers this is the day to broaden your horizons and here are a few new colloquialisms to add to your vocabulary.

For example, the following are some traditional 19th century sayings you could use on your signficant other:

Q. Honey...I'm cold... could you add some more **spunk** to my fire?

A. Most absolutely because prepared 'tinder' or spunk will make your fire burn longer.

Q. Sugar, would you like to **lush some slop** with me over at Mugsies?

A. Of course you'd enjoy a good spot of tea with the young lad!

Q. Young **coffin**-I'd like to taste some of your delicious **cow's juice**.

A. Well a "coffin" is a lad and last time I checked one can't really extract milk from this source.

Q. Young lad if I catch you with a **dirty puzzle** one more time... you're out of here!

A. Naturally if you catch your lad with a quandary of this nature you should scold him severely. If he is being promiscuous with a nasty vixen or wench it is time to pack up and leave.

Q. Honey, when we get married...can we have **cheesers** all night long?

A. I should hope not! Flatulence is never a good quality in the bedroom.

Kathryn is a senior broadcast communications and English major. She likes pearls, Tucker Carlson-style bowties and, if you hadn't guessed, harlequin romance novels.

I'll sit this one out, guys

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Well, once again it's that time of year when I'm looking for ways to flee the campus for a weekend.

It's guy's pick up, which means that I'm going to be roused from my blessed slumber at the crack of noon. It means that there's going to be yelling, screaming, and other noises that will keep me from being a happy little kid.

Oh, and then come the fireworks. Just when you think it's all over and are ready to fall into another coma, the fireworks go off. So, you roll out of bed (which is unfortunate if you're on the top bunk like me) and crawl under your desk, convinced in your half-conscious state that it's a matter of time until the entire building explodes.

I'm not sure why I think that hiding under my desk would save me from that. I guess it's kind of like that whole "duck and cover" thing that they thought would save them from radiation in the '50s.

Anyway, it's just one more example of how little there is to do on this campus if you're not planning on drinking.

I know what you're thinking. I could easily go down to the field and support my fellow classmates and not drink, but when everyone else on the field is plastered, it kind of makes you feel like the odd guy out.

The argument to that is that no one asks you to drink. They don't want you to feel pressured into participating in it if you're not comfortable doing so. Then again, when everyone around you is completely, utterly obliterated, you feel a bit left out not joining in. I like to call it "passive pressure." Actually, that's a lie. I made that term up just now.

So, what can I do this weekend? Well, I can stay here, watch movies and play video games. Maybe round up a few people and make a trip to Sheetz and get myself a good old fashioned Shmagel. Then, maybe I'll come back to campus and partake in some of the clean, old fashioned fun that the school offers.

Oh wait. That stuff stops early enough that everyone can go out and get tanked. More movies it is!

For a dry campus, there really aren't a whole lot of things to do if you don't drink. Plus, the events they do have aren't advertised very well at all. It seems a little bit hypocritical for the school to put bans on drinking paraphernalia, and then have no problem letting everyone go nuts every guy's pick up day.

I guess the moral of the story is that if you're going to participate in guy's pick up day, have fun. Nothing personal, but I'm going to sit this one out. Alcohol makes me kind of uncomfortable. Oh, and don't worry about the school. They seem to be confused over what a "dry campus" is supposed to be like.

Maybe I'll leave the campus for this pick up day. After all, I do like sleeping. There's no way I'll be able to sleep until the crack of 2 p.m. with all the Greek activities going on outside my dorm. To everyone else that's sticking around this weekend, but not participating in the events, buy ear plugs.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A solution to our problems

I am writing in reference to the article in the January 27th *Holcad* entitled "No Alcohol: Handbook Rewording Clarifies Long-standing Rule." In this article the author reports on the new line in the student handbook that reads "Additionally, items used specifically for the mass consumption of alcoholic beverages (e.g. beer bongs, kegs, party balls, ect.), whether empty or not, are not permitted on campus."

I agree with the administration about this new rule. What an excellent idea. Since drinking is bad than so are all the implements used for drinking, like glasses. Let's get rid of all the glasses on campus since they can be used for the mass consumption of alcohol.

Another thing that is bad is sex. Sex with out marriage is bad. Since most students on campus are not married, than condoms should be banned from campus since they are implements used for sexual intercourse; if someone is caught with a condom or having sex than they should be fined.

One more thing that is bad is free thought. Free thought makes students think for themselves and gives them the choice to drink and have sex. Maybe one day they might even think that their freedom to grow in a open collegiate environment is being suffocated by unnecessary rules.

The cause of this free thought is books and teachers. The solution therefore must be to close the library down and suspend classes. Or have classes where students are indoctrinated in the way of what is right and true. Then no one would have to worry about drinking or sex or anything else that is bad. Students can just pop a Soma and go about their happy day.

That's the real solution to all our problems: Soma.

Matt Kerns
Junior

P.S. In case you haven't noticed, there might be a hint of sarcasm in there.

[Ed. note: In Huxley's Brave New World, *Soma is the 'opiate of the masses' that replaces alcohol and religion with euphoric happiness in the book's futuristic society. Read the Wikipedia article on it for more information.]*

Westminster theives have odd taste

I believe that I am speaking for several people on campus that got their cars robbed this weekend when I say that I am highly angered by what happened this Sunday.

I went to warm up my car and found my glove compartment wide open, much to my confusion. Curious about why that should be, I inspected the rest of my car. Upon opening the center console, I discovered that it had been almost completely cleaned out. The CD's that had been in there were missing, as was a cell phone charger and a few other miscellaneous items.

I know this had to have been done very early, as I parked my car in the Eich lot at about 1:30 a.m. Additionally, I know that I am not the only victim of theft that Sunday morning. There was a car stereo stolen from Hillside parking lot, and my friend, Anthony, also had his car violated.

It's not so much that these things were stolen from our own personal property - it's the fact that there is a total lack of respect here on campus. This year, I have seen and/or heard of a lot of things that have been done that were completely disrespectful, particularly recent events of vandalism in the parking lot of Russel.

I honestly can't believe how immature a person has to be to travel around campus early in the morning and steal other peoples' things, especially when they only stole a bunch of mix CD's and Christian rock music albums from my car.

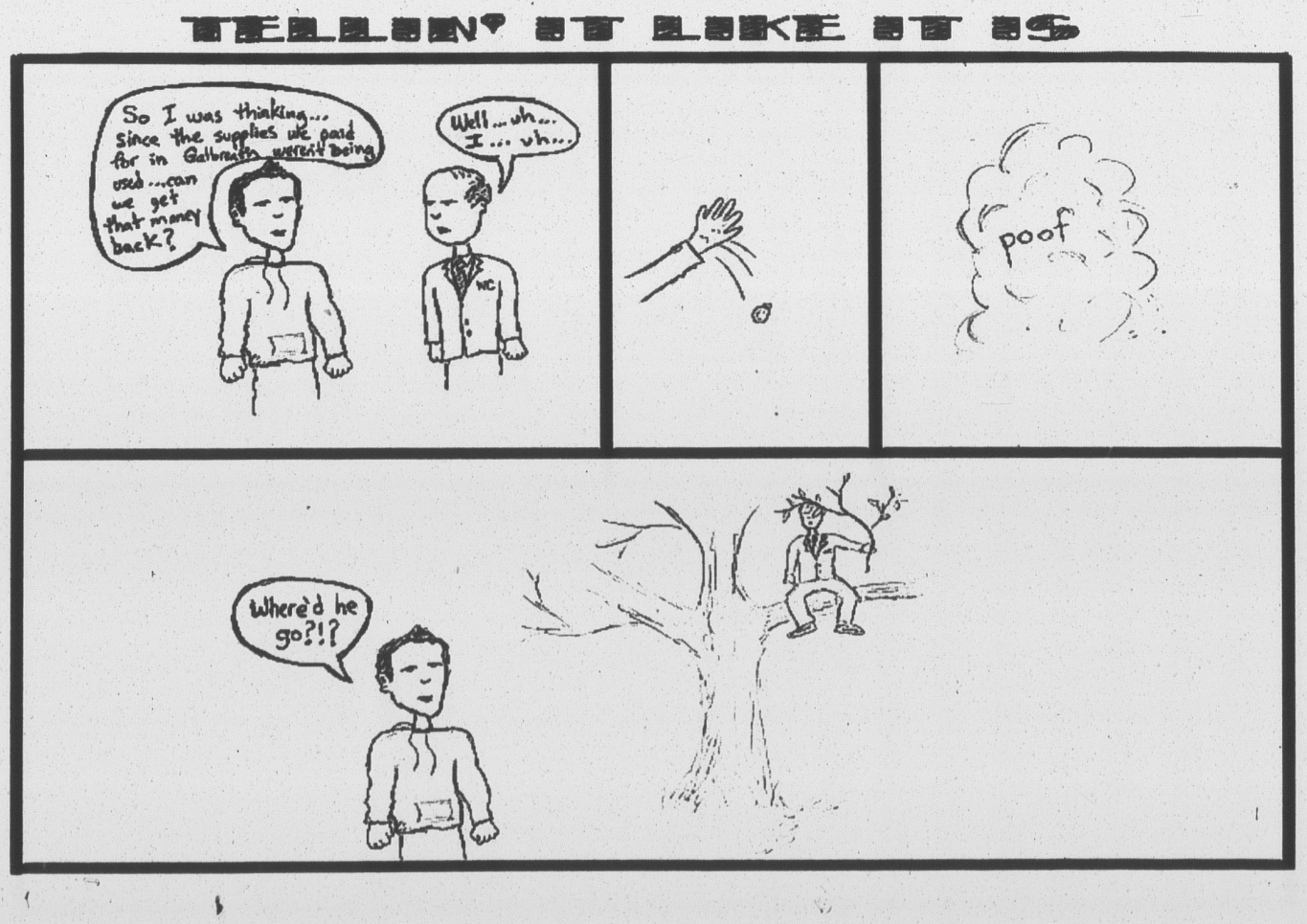
How's that for irony?

At least they left my broadway CD's, or I really would be angry. Additionally, I am forced to wonder where Security is in all this. They take the time to patrol the campus at 3 a.m. and ticket peoples' cars for not being in the right parking spaces, but they apparently miss the acts of vandalism that happen.

However, I have also learned a valuable lesson from yesterday, and I'd like to pass this along to anyone who takes the time to read this: Do not leave your cars unlocked. This college apparently isn't as trustworthy as I used to think.

My final thoughts on the matter: Whoever you are out there, I hope you enjoy your christian music that you're probably playing on your brand new car CD player, I really do. Because I'm still listening to broadway.

Joel Montgomery
Sophomore



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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Hermitage student returning to classes

A Hickory High School senior punished for parodying his principal on the Internet returns to classes next week. The Hermitage School District punished Justin Layshock with a 10 day suspension last month for mocking his principal with a phony profile posting on the Internet. The ACLU took the case to federal court claiming the district violated Layshock's First Amendment rights. But a judge sided with school officials. However, the ACLU plans to continue it's lawsuit—but it struck a deal on Layshock's behalf and he'll return to school next Monday.

SRU student found dead in dorm

State troopers say it could take another week before they can say what caused the death of an 18-year old Slippery Rock University student this week. State police say they need toxicology results before the coroner can determine the cause of death. She was found Tuesday night in her dorm room. State police say they found no signs of foul play.

Powerball jackpot grows to $250 million

You will see some brisk business through Saturday at local convenience and grocery stores that sell lottery tickets as the Powerball Jackpot grows to $250 million. That's still short of the record $340 million dollar prize claimed last October.

Chatham College new Titan rival

Chatham College of Pittsburgh is now the newest member of the President's Athletic Conference. Westminster College sports information director and the newly named PAC direct John Onderko says Chatham is a great fit to the conference. He says the college is a great fit for the program. He also says the PAC conference is still looking to expand and strengthen by adding more schools in the future. In the past year St. Vincent's College and Geneva agreed to become members.

Weaver's

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. With the XX Olympic Winter Games opening this week, identify the host city for the games which is also Italy's fourth-largest city.
   1. Torino
   2. Naples
   3. Milan
   4. Palermo
   5. Venice

2. What was the official crowd size estimate for the Steelers' Super Bowl victory parade and rally in Pittsburgh?
   1. 600,000
   2. 500,000
   3. 250,000
   4. 100,000
   5. 10,000

3. Identify the Bush administration official who went before the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday defending the president's authority to order secret wiretapping.
   1. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales
   2. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
   3. FCC Chairman David M. Ewalt
   4. FBI Director Robert Mueller
   5. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff

4. Identify the candidate withdrawing from the race for the Republican nomination for governor.
   1. former Lt. Gov. Bill Scranton
   2. Steelers Hall of Famer Lynn Swann
   3. former president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association James Panyard
   4. Governor Ed Rendell
   5. former Governor Mark Schweiker

5. Identify the U.S. President NOT in attendance this week at Corretta Scott King's funeral.
   1. Gerald Ford
   2. George W. Bush
   3. Bill Clinton
   4. George H. Bush
   5. Jimmy Carter

6. How much is Governor Rendell proposing for Pennsylvania's 2006-2007 budget?
   1. $210 million
   2. $25.1 billion
   3. $2.57 trillion
   4. $100 million
   5. $100 billion

7. According to police, where is the alleged "Operation Slapshot" gambling ring (implicating several NHL players for illegal betting) based?
   1. New York
   2. North Carolina
   3. New Jersey
   4. North Dakota
   5. New Mexico

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Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Ripped from the Wire

Regional

A sea of black, gold as Pittsburgh celebrates Super Bowl win

Steeler's homecoming parade

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Thousands of Steelers fans, some holding signs that simply said "THANKS!," crowded downtown streets Tuesday as the Steelers rode through the city in a triumphant celebration honoring their Super Bowl win.

Many fans twirled Terrible Towels in the air as they stood in chilly temperatures and snow flurries. Several held signs with a photo of beloved Steelers founder Art Rooney Sr. and the words "We remember." Others wore black-and-gold hard hats.

Coach Bill Cowher and the players, dressed in gray Super Bowl champion sweat shirts, slowly rode along the route in the back of pickup trucks and other cars. Retiring running back Jerome Bettis, sitting in a convertible with the top down, carried the Vince Lombardi trophy.

"I was here with you in the '70s and all we kept hearing was how great it was," Cowher, referring to the team's four Super Bowl wins, told the crowd gathered at the end of the parade route. "All I can say to you now _ how great it is. We don't have to hear from anyone else anymore. We are living it, baby."

Team owner Dan Rooney held up a sign saying "Thanks."

"This sign says it all and it's for you. Thank you," Rooney told fans. "The press, they had their doubts, but you never did and we thank you."

Mayor Bob O'Connor rode along too, sporting a white Bettis jersey. Even Gov. Ed Rendell, a die-hard Philadelphia Eagles fan, came to cheer on the team.

Crowds lined the mile-long parade route, where police officers riding on horseback swirled the Terrible Towel above their heads. Sightseeing boats crowded with fans in Steelers gear ferried people from the city's South Side to downtown for the parade.

"Thank you guys so much. This has been a dream come true for all of us," quarterback Ben Roethlisberger told them.

The plaza near Point State Park was packed with people standing shoulder to shoulder, at least nine rows deep. There was the usual assortment of popular Steelers jerseys in the crowd _ Bettis, Super Bowl MVP Hines Ward and Roethlisberger, to name a few along with office workers dressed in suits and overcoats wearing Steelers knit hats or black-and-gold scarves.

By late morning, business in downtown Pittsburgh came to a standstill as workers gathered in front of high-rise windows in offices lining the parade route. Workers stood on planters, balconies or anything else they could find to get a view.

The Steelers won their fifth Super Bowl title Sunday, beating the Seattle Seahawks 21-10 in Detroit, in the team's first Super Bowl win since 1980.

"It's the beginning, we hope, of a new dynasty for the Pittsburgh Steelers," former Steeler star Lynn Swann, now a candidate for Pennsylvania governor, said to the crowd.

National

Four U.S. presidents joint thousands at Coretta Scott King's funeral

A farewell to the 'first lady of the civil rights'

LITHONIA, Ga. (AP) - Four U.S. presidents, senators and celebrities joined thousands of mourners filling a church sanctuary Tuesday to say goodbye to Coretta Scott King, the "first lady of the civil rights movement."

The crowd, estimated to be at least 10,000 strong, stood as King's four children walked in with President Bush and former presidents Clinton, Bush and Carter.

"The dream is still alive," said Bishop Eddie Long, leader of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia.

"We are all in a better place, doing better things, doors have been opened," he said.

The lines to get into the funeral and to attend the final viewing of King's body before her funeral started forming before 3 a.m. on a chilly morning outside New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, where King's daughter Bernice is a minister.

"There's one word to describe going to go see Coretta _ historic. It's good to finally see her at peace," said Robert Jackson, a 34-year-old financial consultant from Atlanta whose 10-year-old daughter, Ebony, persuaded him to take her to the church Tuesday.

In Washington, the flag outside the Capitol flew at half-staff in King's honor.

King, who carried on her husband's dream of equality for nearly 40 years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, died Jan. 30 at the age of 78 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke.

"I always really admired her," former President Clinton said as he flew toward Atlanta aboard Air Force One with President Bush. "I liked her very much. I liked being with her. I liked the way she maintained her dignity in the face of all the difficulties she faced."

The presidents and poet Maya Angelou were among at least 39 people scheduled to speak during the funeral. Stevie Wonder, Michael Bolton, and Bebe and Cece Winans were slated to perform.

The Kings' youngest child, Bernice, was to deliver the eulogy. She was 5 when her father was assassinated in 1968 and is perhaps best remembered for the photographs of her lying in her black-veiled mother's lap during her father's funeral.

More than 160,000 mourners have waited in long lines at public viewings since King's body was returned to Georgia to file past her casket and pay their respects _ on Monday at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where her husband preached in the 1960s, at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday morning, and during the weekend at the Georgia Capitol, where King became the first woman and the first black person to lie in honor there.

"I'm here to pay my respects for a woman who has gotten me to the place I am today," said Theresa Wade, of Mapleton, waiting outside the church Tuesday. "I believe everyone should pay tribute because the King family has done so much for us."

Some 8,000 people took part in the morning viewing, which was cut short a half hour early so the Secret Service could sweep the building.

The funeral followed a day of tributes at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Gladys Knight performed and television talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, former Atlanta mayor and King lieutenant Andrew Young and others shared their memories of King.

"For me, she embodied royalty. She was the queen. ... You knew she was a force," Winfrey told an audience of 1,700 at the musical celebration in King's honor.

Winfrey laughed as she told how she once persuaded King to get a new hairdo on her TV show. And she became emotional when she told how King, in the week before her death, sent her a handmade quilt that her husband's mother had passed down.

"She leaves us all a better America than the America of her childhood," Winfrey said.

After the funeral, King's body will be placed in a crypt near her husband's tomb at the King Center, which she built to promote his memory.

Between the tombs is the eternal flame that was placed there years ago in Martin Luther King Jr.'s honor. On the crypt, inscribed in black, is the Bible passage First Corinthians 13:13, which reads: "And now abide Faith, Hope, Love, These Three; but the greatest of these is Love."

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Campus News

The Great Slate Debate:

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McClarey v. Kerns

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

This year's SGA Executive Council elections will mark the first time most students on campus will enjoy a choice of candidates. Moreover, this election presents the first male president in 4 years.

In fact, this election will present a variety of firsts: Seth McClarey is the first Greek male to contend for presidency since his fraternity-grandfather's ascension to the position four years ago (Christopher Nave), while Matthew Kerns runs as the first student athlete and independent candidate in over four years.

This election will also feature the first executive council debates in recent history. On Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge, the two candidates will discuss SGA policies and attempt to sway student voters to support their respective platforms.

"It's great to have competition in this year's election," senior Joshua Hensler said. "Competition is a must in the political field. The voter needs to be given the opportunity to choose who they want to represent them."

Students will be able to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Feb. 22 and 23.

"I think it's important that every student votes for the slate that they believe best represents their beliefs because SGA plans many campus events that directly affect the individual student," junior Megan McLaughlin said. "SGA has the potential to help out the campus a lot, but they need each voter's direction!"

Campus Politics

Green Party

By Amanda Kovacic
Campus writer

The three year anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq is coming up the two weeks before our Spring Break this year, and the Green Party members here on campus are already getting ready.

The Green party is known for holding rallies, protests, and demonstrations against many different subjects. The war in Iraq is a common one, but they are also known for protesting the treatment of the homeless here in America, the celebration of Columbus day – last year's mimed invasion of the Europeans into the Native American territories – and other often politically viewed events and holidays. The plan to continue in their demonstrations against the war should come as no surprise.

"We will hang a sign in the campus center with the death count for American soldiers and Iraqi and U.S. civilians," Colby King said. "We will also work on finding speakers for an event during the week before break, maybe a peace studies, though the preference is to have a few people speak during lunch in front of the campus center."

This semester, the Greens are already planning on reserving tables in the TUB and collecting canned goods to send to soldiers over-seas as well as anything that might be listed on www.anysoldier.com. They are also working on making Get-Well cards to send to soldiers who are recuperating from injuries. Colby also mentioned sending a campus wide e-mail to invited people from the campus community can come and speak in memory of anyone they've known and lost to the war or their fears for those who are still over there.

King is thinking about using the slogan "The Cost of this War" or perhaps something to that effect during the run of their demonstrations, but the organization hasn't made any concrete decisions at this time. They want to avoid offending the community in an attempt to get their message across, risking driving away more people than they might bring in.

Democratic Party

By Katie Frantz
Campus writer

Even though the College Democrats have been relatively "quiet" on campus, they are working to reorganize the club to get students more involved with the political world.

Sophomore president Steve Ruperto, enjoys working with the members of the club and would love to see more students involved.

"We are currently looking for ways to promote the political atmosphere of the campus," Ruperto said.

Because this year was not an election year, the club has had some difficulty planning activities, but Ruperto is looking to make a comeback soon. This semester, they are going to work with the College Democrats of America in hopes ofincreasing involvement in the organization. The Democrats are also looking to collaborate with the College Republicans and the Green Party to think of ways the campus can keep students both politically and environmentally aware.

"It is the core of our political system to vote. While the organization is set up to promote the ideals of the Democratic Party, it is important to us to promote general political awareness and increase the level of student involvement," Ruperto said.

Looking into the future, the club has been meeting every other Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. to make plans to start off the 2006-2007 academic year with a bang.

"It is important to create a big impact on the students from the first day they arrive," Ruperto said.

With next year being another election year, one goal that the Democrats have is to register every student to vote. They would like to inform students about the voting process and make them aware of the importance of their vote. If possible, they would also like to show political films in the Mueller Theater to inform students of the political world around them. College Democrats would like students to realize that they are not forcing them to become involved in the club, but that they can work through the club to become more politically aware.

Though the Democrats are not currently as busy as they had hoped to be, they are still encouraging student involvement.

"It is a good way for students to stay politically active through their college career," Ruperto said. The Democrats are working hard to make a big impression on the campus next year with the activities they are now planning.

Republican Party

By Travis Levers
Campus writer

The College Republicans are doing many things this semester to get the campus community involved.

Freshman Emily Herzing, president of the College Republicans, is looking forward to taking over the group. She is going to guide the College Republicans through many events this semester.

"I want to get more people involved and keep people informed," Herzing said.

Emily is using her connections with the state government to get Governor Ed Rendell to come and speak about college kids getting involved with government and community. She says that even though Governor Rendell is a democrat, the important thing is that college kids see the importance of being a part of society.

One of the things the republicans will be doing is participating in the Letters from Home program for troops overseas. They will be in the TUB taking donations and letters for the program. After the letters and donations have been collected, the republicans will send the letters and the care packages overseas for the troops.

Being an election year, the group will also be focused on helping in all local elections. They will be putting on voter drives, passing out absentee ballots, and campaigning for local republican candidates. Emily said she is unsure how deeply involved the group will be, but she hopes that they will be able to make in impact on the upcoming elections.

Emily encourages all students on campus to attend a meeting. She says that the meetings are not just about discussing politics and candidates, yet they are more about looking at issues and policies that affect us.

"It doesn't matter whose side you are on, as long as you are active and stay informed," Herzing said.

Senior Tom Burkhart, who Herzing replaced as president, says that he likes the direction that Emily is taking the group.

"She has a lot of ambition and drive," Burkhart said, "She is going to be able to rally the younger students around her and strengthen the group."

The College Republicans meet in 251 Patterson Hall every Thursday night at 5:15 p.m.

More news from around the campus

Brittain Lake

Spice up your love life with a walk around this healthy lake

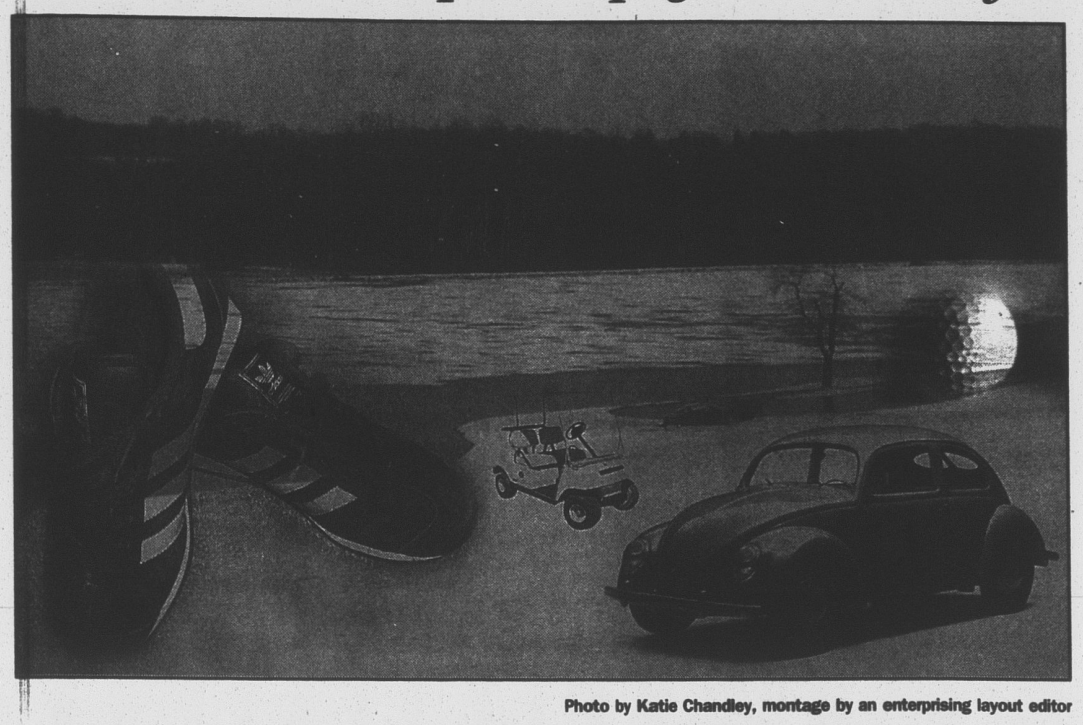


Photo by Katie Chandley, montage by an enterprising layout editor

WC*Brittain*: It's all inside! Or not, according to Dr. Throckmorton. Rumors of the contents of the lake include shoes, golf carts, golf balls and even small German cars.

By Hollyann Leach
Campus writer

Brittain Lake has been a topic of conversation and mystery to several students on campus. The history, contents, and biological aspects have created multiple inquires.

Many stories surround Brittain Lake's construction. Dr. Ann Throckmorton, professor of biology, stated the lake was built in three stages at different times, and its shape was more of a coincidence. Dr. Clarence Harms, Director of the Biology Field Station, retold a story he heard concerning President Will Orr. During Orr's tenure the lake was half its size and dammed at the Amphitheatre. President Orr's love of water skiing promoted him to ask trustee James Brittain to fund an expansion of the lake. Thirdly, the Admissions web page states the lake was constructed in 1952 and funded by trustee James Brittain, but only with the understanding it would be created the shape of Alabama; the home state of his wife. Inquires about pictures of the construction of the lake have been made by Harms. However, there were none on record.

Various items including a couch, Volkswagen beetle and more then 1,000 golf balls are rumored to be at the bottom of the lake.

"I'm 100 percent positive there is a golf cart in the lake," junior Adam Leech said.

When told of these rumors Dr. Throckmorton stated the lake is only about 10 feet deep and unlikely to contain a couch or Volkswagen beetle. Golf balls, however, have been found. Harms stated that he has taken his scuba gear out to the lake and had only seen various fish.

Dr. Throckmortan's limnology class has conducted many experiments concerning the toxicity and cleanliness of the water.

"There has been nothing in our studies to indicate there is anything unclean about the lake," Throckmorton said.

She explained the cloudier and greener the water is the more life there is. In contrast, clear blue water signifies no life and a dead body of water. The abundance of life within the lake is due to the high phosphate content, which aids in the plant growth.

Dr. Throckmorton stated that her dogs will drink and swim in the lake water and that she has yet to notice any health concerns.

Townhouses seeing more than enough student interest

By Allison Houser
Campus writer

The college will have no trouble filling the townhouses next term, as was rumored last week.

The rumor sparked from an email asking if any students who wanted to live there needed roommates. That has been put to rest by Neal Edman, Dean of Student Affiars.

"We haven't had any angst with filling the townhouses," Edman said.

Edman also said that enough students have applied to live in the townhouses. There are only 15 units, with four students living in each, and more than 15 groups have applied.

The email was about a Facebook group that had started for students who wanted to live in the townhouses next year.

Dean Edman also put a stop to another rumor: The townhouses will not eliminate off-campus housing in the near future, thanks to President Williamson. He felt that upper-class students should still have the option of living off campus. The townhouses, though, will still cut down on the number of students who are allowed to live off-campus, as it creates more living space for students.

Stephanie Martin, a junior, believes her group has a good chance at getting into the townhouses next year.

"I think we've got a really good shot at it. Our group is all girls who will be seniors next year, we all have good grades, and we don't have many fines holding us down," Martin said. "Also, we've all lived on campus since we were freshmen."

One of Martin's possible future housemates is Sarah Timm, a junior. She would benefit greatly from living in the townhouses.

"I'll be student teaching next year, and I think having my own room with increased privacy would be great," Timm said. "I'll be able to get up early and not wake up a ton of people. It will also be nice to have my car so close. That way I don't have to walk clear across campus to get to my car."

Additionally, the single rooms in the townhouses will be larger than originally expected. They will now be close to 12 feet by 12 feet.

It was decided last week that Berlin Village is to have wireless networking equipment installed.

The rules for students living in the townhouses will also be more relaxed.

"We're leaving this up for the students to police themselves," Edman said.

The cost of living in a townhouse will be about $6,500, and that includes the new $500 meal plan. Only students living in the townhouses are eligible for this meal plan.

The parking lot for the townhouses will be environmentally friendly. Made from a company called BioSwail, the parking lot is more costly and more permeable. Bushes and other foliage will emit enzymes that will digest pollutants from the lot's tar. This will help to keep Brittain Lake clean.

Another new option for campus living is the Thompson House, which will house 16 women, including a resident assistant. The RA will report to the resident director of Ferguson Hall, since it is the closest dorm. The Thompson House will not be limited to sorority women; it is open to all females.

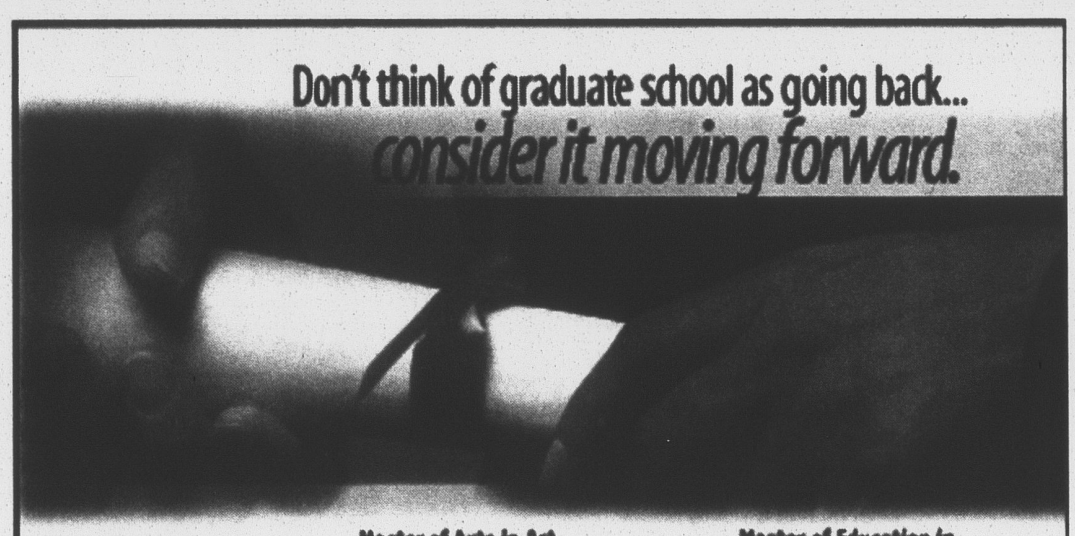
Thompson House was used as a female residence hall in the past, but since 1984 it has housed the offices of alumni relations, parent relations, etc.

During renovations of the house, college hopefuls expected to find things like pictures and floor plans hidden in the stairway posts, in the walls, and in other places around the house. Unfortunately, none of these searches produced anything. However, a set of sliding pocket doors was found between the walls.

Renovations of the building are set to be completed by August.

The Thompson House will also be air conditioned, with seven double rooms and two singles. It will have a kitchenette one the first floor.

For more information on the Townhouses and the Thompson House, log on to the college's web site and click on Berlin Village or Thompson House.



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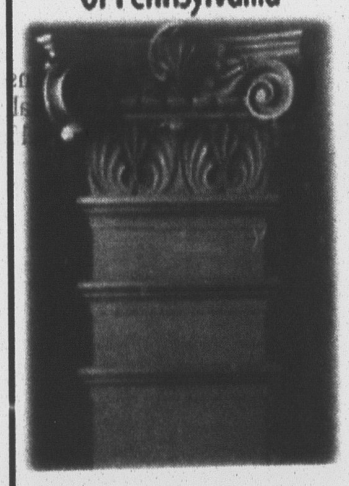

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Campus News

Handicapable campus

College working to improve Americans with Disabilities Act compliance

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

Many challenges accompany efforts to make a college campus completely accessible to those with disabilities, whether the disability includes blindness, deafness, use of a wheel chair, or other physical impairments.

Most colleges report about 10% of their student body to be affected with some form of disability.

"The number of students on our campus usually match that estimate," Yvonne "Bonnie" Van Bruggen, Director of Disability Support Services, said.

"No one has been turned away because we could not meet their needs."

Some complaints about the automated doors in McKelvey not being activated on the weekends have recently been voiced. Depending on the particular weekend, either custodial or security staff is responsible for activating the doors. On Saturdays, custodians usually open the doors, and security opens them on Sundays, but because work schedules change, arrangements are sometimes confused.

"Security is currently working with custodial supervisor Ron Pennington to put a system of double-checks in place to ensure that the doors get activated, regardless of who is tasked with it on a given day," Asst. Dean John Lechner said.

Some automated doors to dorms remain inactivated because there is no need for the residents in that particular building.

Two problems persist when trying to improve disability services on campus: money and age of buildings. In order to meet the detailed standards imparted by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), an extraordinary amount of funds are needed.

"When it is finalized and downloaded to my computer, we will have a method of checking every building and every bathroom, lecture room, elevator, stairwell, etc. on campus to see if they meet with the exact details of the ADA requirements for accessibility," Van Bruggen said.

After the check occurs, the director of DSS will be able to better assess what exactly needs to be updated.

Because many of the buildings on campus have aged, it proves difficult to automate doors, to remodel dorm rooms, to add or remodel elevators or to add assistive technology. Since the ADA was enacted in 1992, many of the older buildings do not meet certain specifications, but the Disability Support Services is working on the task.

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Doors marked like this can be found all over campus, but the door switches are

"Our lack of any of these is not because of concern, or caring, but because to 'fix' everything to be perfect would be beyond any college's capability," Van Bruggen said. "But we can prioritize and take one task at a time, and never quit until more and more is completed."

A few dorm rooms in Galbreath are being considered for remodeling and transformation into a handicap accessible suite. However, if no incoming female students need the suite, DSS will use the same funds to update other accessibility services.

Many students have found current handicap accessibility around campus challenging.

"I found it really hard to get around campus with crutches; it was almost impossible. I live on the second floor of my dorm, and there was no elevator. To do anything but sit in your dorm room is pretty much a pain," sophomore Sam Leipheimer, who recently broke her foot, said.

Another issue for students on campus is handicap parking spaces available for those with temporary or permanent disabilities.

"When I had ACL surgery sophomore year, I got a handicapped hang tag for my car. The only real problem that I ran into was the lack of handicapped parking spots on campus. I live in Ferg, and the closest handicapped spot was at Browne, and even there, there was only one," senior Tara Hoellerman said

In addition to not having handicap spaces in every parking lot, there have been instances where the students needing handicap parking outnumbered the number of available handicapped spaces on campus. In this case, DDS simply adds additional handicap-designated signs. Security services are willing to drive anyone who may need assistance.

"Security offered that any time I needed to go to my physical therapy at the field house they would come to pick me up in a golf cart if I called them," Hoellerman said.

Looking into the future, handicap accessibility is expected to be more accommodating.

"All of our new or remodeled buildings will be accessible for students who have mobility, vision, or hearing disabilities," Van Bruggen said.

Bright lights on Broadway *or close to it!*

By Kelly Corbin
Campus Writer

Four students were nominated for the Irene Ryan scholarship competition at the 47th Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Poughkeepsie, NY held Jan. 16 -20.

From the official Kennedy Center website, the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) is a national theater program which Roger L. Stevens began in 1969. The festival now involves18,000 students and more than 600 academic institutions across the United States who showcase their work and receive outside assessment by KCACTF respondents.

Sophomore, Katie Hammond had the opportunity to attend the festival for her performance in *Dancing at Lughnasa*, in which she played "Kate," one of five sisters struggling to survive in Ireland during the 1930s. Tracy Harmon was also selected from this show to compete at ACTF for her role as "Agnes." Barry Unis was chosen as well for his role as "Nortier" in *The Count of Monte Cristo.* Also honored as an Irene Ryan nominee was Mick Henniger for his role as "Edmond" in *The Count of Monte Cristo.* The students were accompanied by faculty members Eileen Hendrickson, Andrew Ade, and John Gresh.

Contributed photo

The city that never sleeps.

The recipients were asked to prepare two contrasting scenes, one with a partner and one monologue or a segment from a song. Often, the actors selected the juxtaposition of comedic and dramatic scenes to perform. "I did 'The Wool Gatherer' by William Mastrosimone because I played a truck driver who was an interesting character," sophomore Barry Unis explained. "He was serious one second and flipping out the next. The character interested me because he wasn't monotonous, he was diverse."

Participants all competed on the same day, but had different time slots to perform.

Each actor was scored by two judges and one respondent who gave feedback to the competitors. "The benefits from the feedback were pinpointing the actor's strengths and identifying the techniques to improve upon before the next competition," Hammond commented.

I'm thrilled we could be part of the program to define our skills and prepare ourselves for the professional world.
Katie Hammond

While on campus at State University of New York, the students met other actors through workshops taught by professors, acting instructors, and professional actors. "The Soul of Babylon" session Hammond attended included tips from agents about what to expect when entering the world of professional acting, how to make money when not in a show, book references for audition preparation and resume examples.

"I'm thrilled we could be part of the program to define our skills and prepare ourselves for the professional world," Hammond said.

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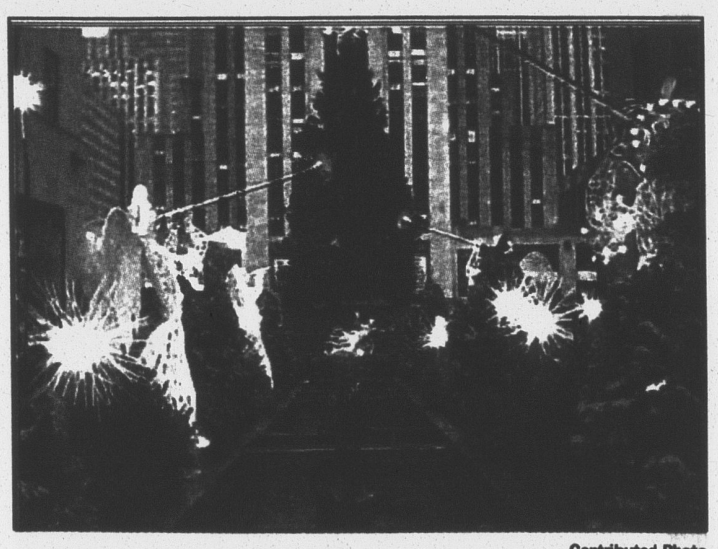
Theatre competitors take a break visit 2005 alumnus Pat Sandora while in the Big Apple.



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The lush garden of Rockefeller Center.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday						
High	High 29	High 27	High 29	High 38	High 37	High 35
Low	Low 15	Low 17	Low 17	Low 25	Low 23	Low 21
Rather cloudy with some snow	Mostly cloudy, snow showers	Partly sunny, flurries; cold	Some sun with flurries; cold	Clouds and sunshine	Rain or snow showers possible	Times of clouds and sun

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:23 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Saturday	7:21 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
Sunday	7:20 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
Monday	7:19 a.m.	5:53 p.m.
Tuesday	7:18 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
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Friday	3:17 p.m.	6:20 a.m.
Saturday	4:21 p.m.	6:55 a.m.
Sunday	5:25 p.m.	7:24 a.m.
Monday	6:27 p.m.	7:48 a.m.
Tuesday	7:28 p.m.	8:08 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 12	Feb 21	Feb 27	Mar 6

Weather History

On Feb. 10, 1980, snow closed interstate highways in Alabama and Dallas. Exactly one year later, spring-style tornadoes damaged schools and shopping centers from Texas to Alabama.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	31	25	sn	31	16	sf	28	19	sf	32	23	sf	39	25	pc
Butler, PA	36	22	sf	31	15	sn	28	16	sf	29	16	sf	39	25	pc
Cambridge, OH	36	25	sf	34	18	sn	31	22	sf	38	25	sf	41	27	pc
Canton, OH	33	25	sf	32	16	sf	29	19	sf	33	23	sf	39	25	pc
Cincinnati, OH	38	26	sf	32	20	sf	29	19	pc	29	28	pc	34	30	s
Clarion, PA	32	23	sf	28	14	sn	25	19	sf	28	18	sf	37	25	pc
Clarksburg, WV	38	27	sf	36	18	sn	31	22	sf	39	22	sf	43	28	pc
Cleveland, OH	34	24	sn	30	18	sf	26	22	sf	26	22	sf	33	27	pc
Columbus, OH	38	28	sf	30	18	sf	30	20	sf	30	26	pc	40	30	pc
Cumberland, MD	39	27	sf	31	19	sn	31	21	sf	38	22	sf	40	29	pc
Erie, PA	30	22	sn	27	16	sf	27	18	sf	26	20	sf	37	26	pc
Franklin, PA	31	23	sf	29	15	sn	27	19	sf	30	19	sf	37	26	pc
Greensburg, PA	35	27	sf	33	18	sn	29	23	sf	31	16	sf	41	30	pc
Greenville, PA	33	23	sn	29	15	sf	27	16	sf	29	20	sf	38	25	pc
Grove City, PA	35	23	sf	29	15	sn	27	17	sf	28	21	sf	38	25	pc
Hagerstown, MD	36	26	c	32	20	sn	34	21	pc	35	22	pc	33	31	pc
Indiana, PA	36	29	sf	30	18	sn	29	18	sf	33	16	sf	42	31	pc
Jamestown, NY	26	21	sn	26	13	sf	23	19	sf	26	19	sf	35	23	pc
Kittanning, PA	38	26	sf	29	18	sn	28	19	sf	30	17	sf	41	29	pc
Lisbon, OH	33	25	sf	32	16	sn	28	19	sf	32	23	sf	39	26	pc
Mansfield, OH	36	23	sf	31	15	sf	28	19	sf	30	24	pc	38	26	pc
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McKeesport, PA	35	26	sf	30	18	sn	28	19	sf	30	18	sf	41	29	pc
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Morgantown, WV	36	24	sf	32	20	sn	27	24	sf	30	23	sf	36	31	pc
New Castle, PA	35	23	sf	31	16	sn	28	18	sf	30	18	sf	39	26	pc
Oil City, PA	33	24	sf	29	16	sn	27	17	sf	29	19	sf	38	27	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	36	24	sf	30	15	sn	26	16	sf	30	19	sf	33	23	pc
Sharon, PA	34	23	sf	27	14	sf	27	16	sf	29	19	sf	38	25	pc
Somerset, PA	32	25	sf	28	14	sn	24	20	sf	30	19	sf	35	26	pc
Steubenville, OH	38	25	sf	32	16	sn	27	20	sf	32	19	sf	41	27	pc
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Warren, OH	35	23	sn	30	15	sf	29	18	sf	30	22	sf	38	25	pc
Washington, PA	37	25	sf	31	15	sn	28	20	sf	32	17	sf	41	27	pc
Waynesburg, PA	38	26	sf	32	17	sn	29	22	sf	38	21	sf	42	29	pc
Wheeling, WV	38	25	sf	32	16	sn	28	24	sf	37	19	sf	41	27	pc
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Zanesville, OH	38	26	sf	34	18	sn	31	23	sf	38	26	sf	41	28	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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One for the thumb

By Brandon Phillian
Campus writer

"Cowher Power" got the job done; this was the year we got that one for the thumb. In case you've crawled inside a dumpster, the Steelers have rejoiced to the tune of a 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks, and more importantly, their fifth Super Bowl title. Although the score portrays a convincing victory, Seattle fans are not convinced that the Steelers should have even won the game.

A dubious pass interference call against Darrell Jackson and a phantom hold assessed to Shane Locklear have Seattle fans in an uproar. Signs reading "Refs 21, Seahawks 10" adorn Seattle streets as if a serious protest were taking place.

These two plays essentially cost Seattle ten, if not fourteen points. By coupling these questionable calls with the reluctance to overturn Ben Roethlisberger's one-yard touchdown run, Seattle fans may have a legitimate complaint.

Super Bowl XL limped out of the gates with the first points coming when Josh Brown booted a 47 yard field goal with 22 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. Although it seemed that Seattle scored a moral victory by lighting the scoreboard first, reality set in when Jackson's touchdown was called back.

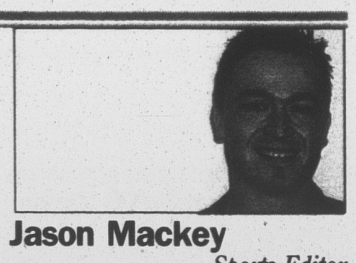
It took until nearly the end of the first half for the second points of the game to be scored. After Seattle registered two successful "Bus" stops, Roethlisberger rumbled around the left side of the offensive line and officials ruled that the ball broke the plane of the end zone.

In the second half, Willie Parker's Super Bowl record 75 yard touchdown scamper gave the Steelers a 14-3 advantage.

However, Seattle wasn't done, as Jerramy Stevens hauled in a 16 yard touchdown strike from Matt Hasselbeck. Pittsburgh countered with another "gadget" play. This time it was an end around that resulted in the versatile Antwaan Randle-El finding Hines Ward (Super Bowl MVP) a 43 yard touchdown pass.

Although the game may not have been one of the top ten Super Bowls of all time, a lot of interesting insights can be discerned. Although John Madden may be a Hall of Fame coach, the Hall of Shame may be more appropriate for his skills as a color commentator. For example, Hall of Fame head coach, John Madden stated, "If they don't pick up the first down here on second down, they only have one more down to do it." Pitt students also proved that they know how to celebrate in fashion, contradicting the idea that WVU students set the best fires.

Although Super Bowl XL was filled with dubious officiating, questionable commentary, and humorous Bud Light advertisements, it nonetheless provided plenty of excitement for those wearing black and gold. Even though Big Ben had the worst quarterback rating of all time for the victorious quarterback, he still brought the city of Pittsburgh its fifth Super Bowl.



Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

The real sixth man

It's nearing midnight as I stop to sip my coffee and realize the possible curse I'm about to present. Now that I've acknowledged it, I believe there is one reason the Titan basketball teams have won five of their last six home games. It's simple. It's television.

It may be completely egotistical, full of grandeur and selfishness, but it is still a statistic worth considering. The past six home games have been televised; the Titans have been victorious in five.

When the teams hit the road, the results have been drastically different. Losses at Bethany and Waynesburg served as speed bumps on the road back to home wins over Thomas More, Grove City and W&J.

The two squads split with Thomas More back on January 21st. Although the Lady Titans fought hard, Desiree Sterling's career-high 26 points were not enough to overcome the Lady Saints. The men cruised to a 134-109 victory, Mark DeMonaco scored a game-high 29 points and the Titans produced their second-highest point total in school history.

A week and half later, both teams sent home a bus full of angry Wolverines, as the Titans completed a two-game sweep of PAC rival Grove City. Sterling shined again, netting 20 points for the Lady Titans. Nick Adams was the star in the nightcap, as Adams posting five treys and totaling 18 points.

Finally, this past weekend saw the teams post a sweep of PAC rival W&J. Nicole Fee stole the spotlight as she posted 17 points off the bench to lead the Lady Titans to a 67-63 upset of the nationally-ranked Lady Presidents. Following suit, Chauncey Whitlow stepped up for the men. Whitlow went off from three-point range, bucketing eight threes and scoring a career-high 28 points.

Unfortunately, the next few Titan basketball games will buck the popular trend. The two teams venture to Kentucky to take on Thomas More this Saturday.

While next week, both squads travel to Greenville for an evening doubleheader with Thiel.

So, as the Titan coaches watch film, scout, and hit the hardwood for practice, remember who the true sixth man/woman is - The Westminster Cable Network.

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Titans in motion...

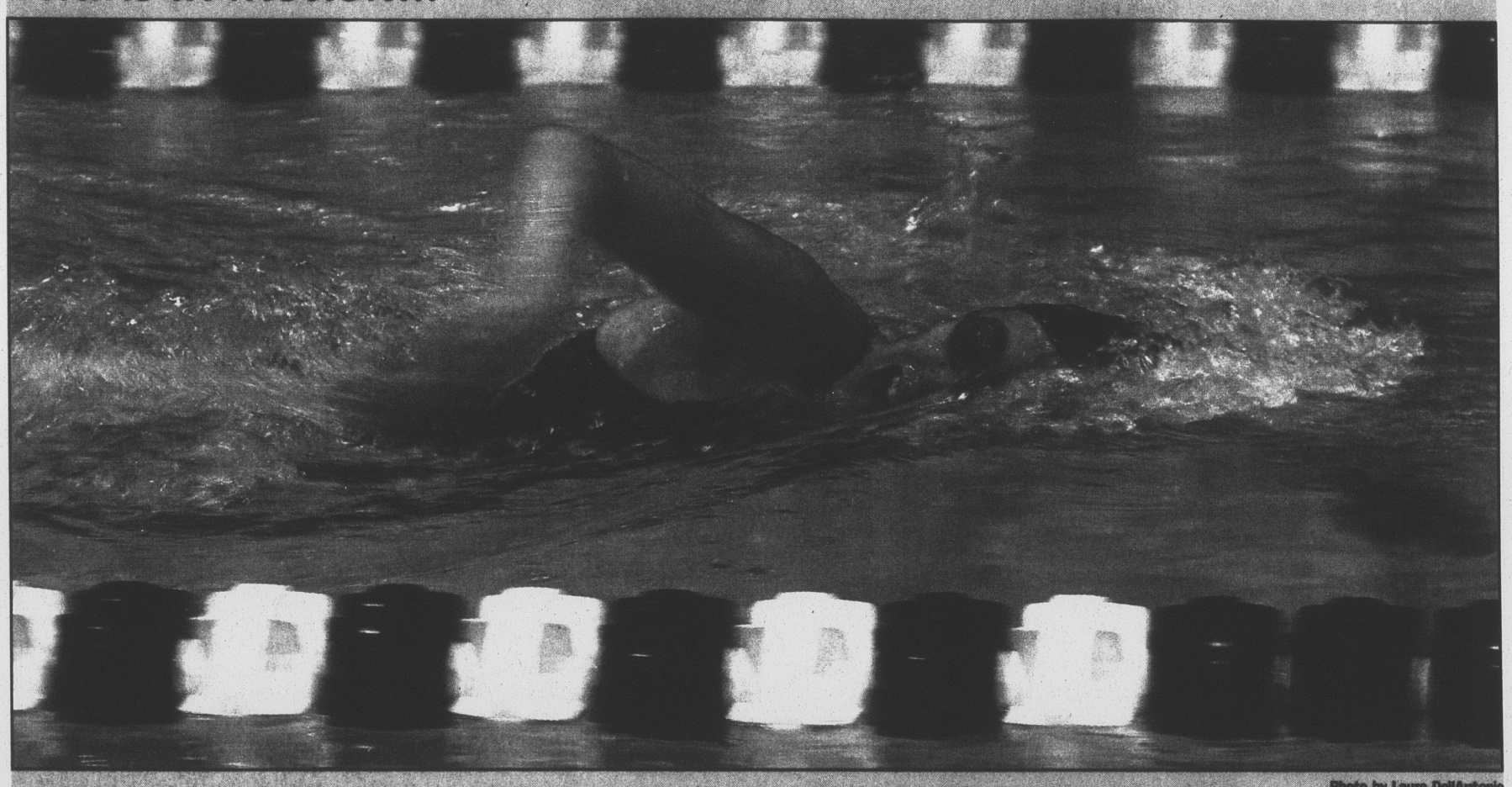


Photo by Laura DelAntonio

Junior Brittany Thomas and the men and women of Titan swim teams are competing in the PAC playoffs this week at Grove City College.

College Hoops

Brink & Heath give March Madness previews and predictions

By Tom Heath
Sports writer

In just a few short weeks, college basketball insanity will begin. March 16th marks the beginning of the 64-team NCAA tournament. Thus far, the season has been far from disappointing. Last years' champion North Carolina, who was thought to be weak preseason, has without a doubt proved to the world even though they are young will make a legitimate push to make the tournament. However, for us here in western Pennsylvania, attention is not on the ACC, but rather on the newly aligned super conference that is the Big East.

Many on campus are hoping for the Panthers from the University of Pittsburgh to make another solid push for tournament glory. In the Big East, there are more things to worry about before the final 64 are selected. There are 16 teams in the Big East and come time for the conference championships, only 12 teams will be playing in Madison Square Garden in New York City fighting for the Big East crown. Pittsburgh has had some quality conference wins and looks to comfortably make their way to the Garden; however, they are really in the middle of the pack. The Panthers currently have a conference record of 6-3 with an overall record of 17-3. Looking at their record, Pittsburgh, along with UConn, West Virginia, Villanova, and Georgetown have all survived realignment.

However, this is not the case top to bottom. Solid teams such as Marquette, Cincinnati, Seton Hall, Syracuse and Louisville are all struggling to make it to New York City before they can even think about the NCAA tournament. The team that has suffered the most this season is without a doubt the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. The Irish currently post a 1-8 conference record with a 10-10 mark overall. They have lost 9 of their 10 games by a combined total of less than 30 points.

With all of this said, the Big East as well as the NCAA tournaments should prove to be very exciting. If the season were to end right now, Seton Hall, Georgetown, UConn, Pittsburgh, Villanova, West Virginia, Marquette, and Syracuse would all be headed to the big dance. However, there is still a lot of time for teams such as Cincinnati and maybe Providence to make a final push to a low seed invite. With the competitive nature of the new look Big East, look for whoever makes it out of Madison Square Garden alive to do some damage and take a legitimate run at the final four.

By Steve Brink
Sports Writer

There have been many surprise teams this season, including Pitt, who got off to a hot start and has yet to cool off. The Panthers are 17-2 overall and 6-2 in the new sixteen-team Big East Conference. Senior Carl Krauser has been huge this season providing not only leadership, but also 20-plus points per game. Perhaps Pitt's most pleasant surprise this year has been center Aaron Gray. The junior is averaging a double-double with thirteen points and almost eleven rebounds per game.

Pitt is well-known for their easy non-conference schedule, and the Panthers managed to get through that part of the schedule unblemished. Pitt's only loses came in conference at St. John's and at top-ranked Connecticut just this past Monday night. Of course only four of Pitt's nineteen games have been against top-25 teams, so there are still some question marks as to whether or not Pitt should be as ranked as high as they are. However, the Panthers answered a lot of those questions Monday night with their impressive performance on the road against top-ranked Connecticut.

Things certainly don't get any easier for Pitt as they take on two top-25 teams in their next two games. They travel to Georgetown on Sunday before hosting 11th ranked West Virginia next Thursday.

While Pitt has definitely surprised a lot of people this year, they are not the only ones. Everyone knew teams like Duke, Connecticut, Memphis, Gonzaga and Villanova were going to be at the top of the rankings. But there are schools out there (like Pitt) that weren't supposed to be doing this well.

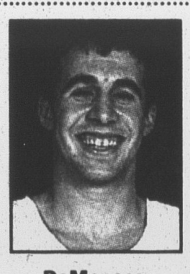
One school that comes to mind is Florida. The Gators are awfully young, but that hasn't been a problem for them so far this season. Florida started the year with seventeen straight wins before falling twice last week at Tennessee and at South Carolina. The Gators have a home date with rival Kentucky this Saturday, but after that, Florida plays only one ranked team the rest of the regular season.

And of course that ranked team happens to be Tennessee, which gave Florida its first loss. Tennessee has seen a lot of success this year, along with teams like Michigan, N.C. State, Colorado, and Ohio State, who all have turned things around and look to be serious threats come March.

Which team will come out of nowhere and make a run deep into the tournament. ?

Stay tuned, because the madness is about to begin!

Titan Sports Shorts



DeMonaco

Senior men's basketball standout Mark DeMonaco has been selected to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II College Division Men's Basketball Third Teaam, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

DeMonaco, a 5-8 guard, is a three-year starter for the Titans who has earned PAC first team recognition each of the past three seasons. This year, he leads the Titans and ranks second in the PAC in scoring (21.6 ppg) and assists (3.76 apg), fourth in free throw percentage (83.8%) and tied for fifth in steals (1.9 spg). Saturday, he scored 25 points in a 107-103 PAC win over Washington & Jefferson to move into seventh place on the Titan career scoring charts at 1,446 career points (surpassing Dave Rankin - 1,439 points from 1955-59).

To be nominated for the Academic All-America program a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher and is a starter or significant reserve.

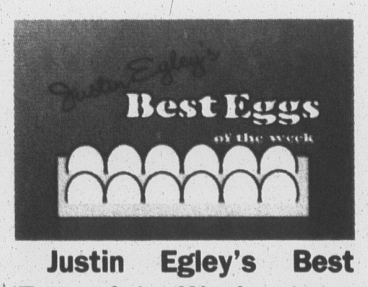
Junior guard Nicole Fee scored a career-high 17 points off the bench to lead the women's basketball team to a 67-63 upset win over national power W&J in a PAC game Feb. 4 at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. The Lady Titans improved to 6-16 overall, 3-5 in the PAC with their second consecutive win. The Presidents fell to 16-4 overall, 6-2 in league play.

Fee

The two teams battled through a closely contested opening half, which featured seven lead changes and six ties before both teams headed into halftime tied at 30-30. Trailing 39-38 with 14 minutes to play, the Lady Titans went on an 8-0 run over the next 2:40 to take a 46-39 lead it would not relinquish. W&J battled back to within a single point once at 51-50 with 6:52 left, but the Lady Titans held onto a narrow margin for the remainder of the contest.

They made all four of its foul shots in the final 15 seconds, including the final two by Fee with nine seconds to play, to clinch the upset.

The Lady Titan basketball team will look for its third consecutive win next Saturday Feb. 11, as Westminster travels to face PAC leader Thomas More in Crestview Hills, Ky., at 1 p.m.



Justin Egley's Best Eggs of the Week returns next week with another basket of sports standouts, achievers and scorers.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Something New

Not too nauseous for singles

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Ah, Valentine's Day weekend. What movie to spend $16 on? Oddly enough, there isn't much choice of Valentine's Day type fare out in the theaters. However, I found a romantic-comedy that suited this Hallmark holiday's needs: *Something New*.

Sanaa Lathan plays Kenya, an attractive, smart, and successful accountant who happens to be rather unsuccessful at love. Of course, she grew up in an arrogant and spoiled family (her family is likeable, but still spoiled) which made her rather... picky. Her family actually had a debut for her "coming of age" when she turned 17. I thought that tradition died out back in colonial times, but whatever.

Eventually one of Kenya's co-workers takes pity on her and sets her up against her will on a blind date. This "date" turns out to be a charming white guy, Brian (Simon Baker). Kenya is black and doesn't really care to be set up with this scruffy white guy, so she ends the date and vents to her girlfriends. Coincidentally, Kenya and Brian meet again at a mutual friend's engagement party, where he did the landscaping. Kenya is impressed with his landscaping skills and hires him to save her disarrayed backyard.

Since this is a romance, you can probably guess that landscaping leads to love and Kenya starts to loosen up with life and learn how to have fun (and wear colors other than beige and white). As her girlfriends tell her, "let go and let it flow". Brian is the breath of fresh air that Kenya needs in her stale life.

However, no movie is complete without conflict. Kenya and Brian find that the race issue is rather unignorable and eventually Kenya is pressured to make some decisions. I won't give away the entire storyline, but you've seen it before. Sometimes you have to lose something before you realize what you had.

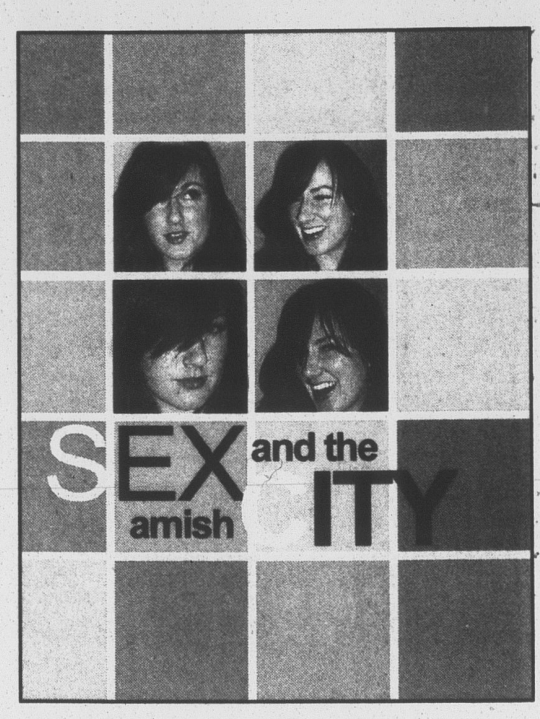
This movie is not really about race; it's about trusting your heart and your instincts rather than listening to what society or you friends and family have to say. It's not exactly the typical romantic-comedy flick; I think it has a nice twist to it that makes it interesting opposed to the traditional recycled plotline.

For those of you that have a significant other, this film will do the job for a Valentine's Day outing- it's charming and will remind you of how sweet true love can be. Awwww. And for you singles (myself included), this film won't make you too nauseous. Will it make you wish you had a handsome and sweet landscaper to ignore your idiosyncrasies? Probably, but you can't always get what you want. **Rating: B**

Source: Internet

On Valentine's Day, *Something New* is gushy enough for couples, but bareable for singles.

Sex & The one horse town



Hey faithful Features readers! You have stumbled upon a new column that shall be gracing this back page each week. I thought it might be nice to use this allotted newspaper space to prance through the ins and outs of dating at college.

I know what you are thinking. That's right. I'm psychic. You are thinking, "Wow, this incredibly fine girl is going to impart words of relationship wisdom a la Carrie Bradshaw in this quality periodical each week for us loveless students of Westminster." Well if I'm truly psychic, and these are your thoughts, then you, my friend, are an idiot. That last sentence was packing a whole lot of heat and a whole lot of commas, so let's move on!

First, I will clear some things up: I am not here to offer you wise words about relationships or love. Instead, I will be examining the Westminster single life and most likely just making fun of relationships. This may involve a number of things like sniffing out singles hot-spots, perhaps some internet dating, and researching all things couple-y and stab-worthy. Basically, as I become an investigative dater, you can read my findings and have a good laugh. It will be like watching a person fall down stairs on 'America's Funniest Home Videos.'

Why do I think this is a good idea? Friends, I have been single now for well... well... an embarrassingly long amount of time. Once again, my sixth sense picks up that you are thinking, "Wow, being single is probably really awesome for Laura. Dating like crazy and drowning in a sea of men." Seriously, you are an idiot. Life as a bachelorette is hardly swinging whilst attending Westminster College. Some may disagree. But F.Y.I., I don't consider rubbing up against people while music urges party goers to "shake that laffy taffy," dating.

As a single person, I have come to realize that singleness is caused by three things:

1. High standards. Most single people have set the bar high for any potential boyfriend/girlfriend and refuse to settle. Translation: No one asks us out.

2. Independence. Single people have developed an independent nature that needs no mate. Translation: No one asks us out.

3. Confidence is intimidating. When a single person has a good sense of self and is successful, any future love feels they cannot measure up to the single person's glory and shies away. Translation: No one asks us out.

So it is my duty as a journalist to find ways to overcome these conundrums and explore the possibilities that await all eager daters. Oh yeah, like I stated above, I'll also be making fun of others that have found love, because that is what bitter people do. So tune in next week as the adventures kick off!

Laura Zorch is a senior PR and Art major that has a house full of cats awaiting her in the near future. But she holds on to a dim hope that being a cat lady is not her destiny. And, she's super fabulous.

Junky food may be causing your junky mood

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Around this time of year, I know that my mood isn't as great as it is during the summer. The cold, dreary days cause a little bit of unhappiness and stress. When that happens, I try solutions such as cookies, cake, donuts, and late night Eat N' Park trips. Not only do these high sugar foods make you feel sick afterwards, but the solution that they offer is only temporary due to a stress hormone known as cortisol which stimulates the appetite and carbohydrate cravings. Unfortunately when this happens, people run to foods high in sugar instead of the good carbohydrates rich in fiber. The sweet foods that typically become our solutions are the ones that keep this vicious cycle of bad moods going. To end the cycle, keep good foods such as fresh fruit, raw vegetables, graham crackers or whole wheat bread. These food raise the serotonin levels in our blood that keep our moods balanced.

These good carbohydrates do not last as energy for more than a few hours, so to make sure we don't slip back into a tired and depressed state, it is important to balance out the snack or meal of healthy carbohydrates with some protein. Healthy protein rich foods include yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese, and nuts. Remember to keep the portion sizes down, because too much of these foods can end up in weight gain, and then when you notice the weight gain you will get depressed all over again.

Omega-3 fatty acids are great to help with depression. You can get this in fish or in many different kinds of vitamins. Omega-3 fatty acids and B vitamins help control cravings as well, so if you are looking to drop a few pounds after the holidays and start getting into shape for summer (the happy season), try some of these tips.

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February 10, 2006

Mardi Gras – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

Men's and Women's Swimming at PAC Championships (through February 11 at Grove City College)

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Baldwin-Wallace Invitational

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting – MCC 255

10:00 PM Titan's Tavern with Brandon Hewitt opening for **Springhill** (acoustic) – MCC Club/Lounge

February 11, 2006

Men's and Women's Swimming at PAC Championships

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

1:00 PM Women's Basketball at Thomas More

3:00 PM Men's Basketball at Thomas More

3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Margie Muir – Wallace Memorial Chapel

February 12, 2006

7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel

February 13, 2006

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:00 PM Ski and Snowboard Club Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

5:15 PM CPC Meeting – MCC Club

7:30 PM Piano Showcase Recital – Orr Auditorium

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 14, 2006

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

5:30 PM Praise Band – Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:30 PM BSU Meeting – MCC 255

9:00 PM Newman Club – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 15, 2006

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: James Perkins, "Being a Scholar in Your Spare Time" -- MCC Mueller Theater

4:15 PM Allies Meeting – MCC 255

5:00 PM - 9:30 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

5:00 PM SAA New Member Reception – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

6:00 PM Women's Basketball at Thiel

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Thiel

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

February 16, 2006

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

4:00 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse: Race Relations at Westminster – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

5:30 PM SGA Slate Debates – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Gospel Choir – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Faculty Trio Recital – Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM "Stargazing Tonight" (meet in Hoyt lobby) – Hoyt Planetarium

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Take a conservative approach in romantic or social affairs this week. Avoid the tendency to overdo or overshoot your goals and find yourself out on a limb.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Allow your imagination to run free without restrictions or limitations. If the mind can conceive an idea, it is capable of figuring out how to actually achieve that idea.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): An elder friend or associate plays a major role in your life this week. Do not hesitate to approach him or her with your questions, problems or concerns.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Stand up and take a bow for recent achievements in your career or professional endeavors. Financial rewards along with a well-deserved promotion will soon follow.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): There may be moments when you will feel like the walls are closing in on you. Break free from a restrictive situation and explore uncharted territories.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): This would be a great time to review investments, pay taxes and to get your financial affairs in order. Seek expert advice from a qualified counselor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You may be required to make a decision about your level of involvement or commitment to a relationship. Search your heart and do the right thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Find comfort and peace in familiarity. Stick to routine tasks and duties as much as possible this week and avoid upsetting the status quo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Never-ending responsibilities to children or younger siblings can become somewhat overwhelming. Do your best to be patient and to take each task one at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Family members will come to you for nurturing, comforting or to make them feel safe. Step up and play a stabilizing role in your domestic environment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Take advantage of an opportunity to utilize the knowledge that you have acquired up to this point. Make a report or presentation with a creative and confident flair.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): With a clear fiscal direction you are well on your way to prosperity. Use a budgetary format to put your financial goals, plans and expectations in writing.

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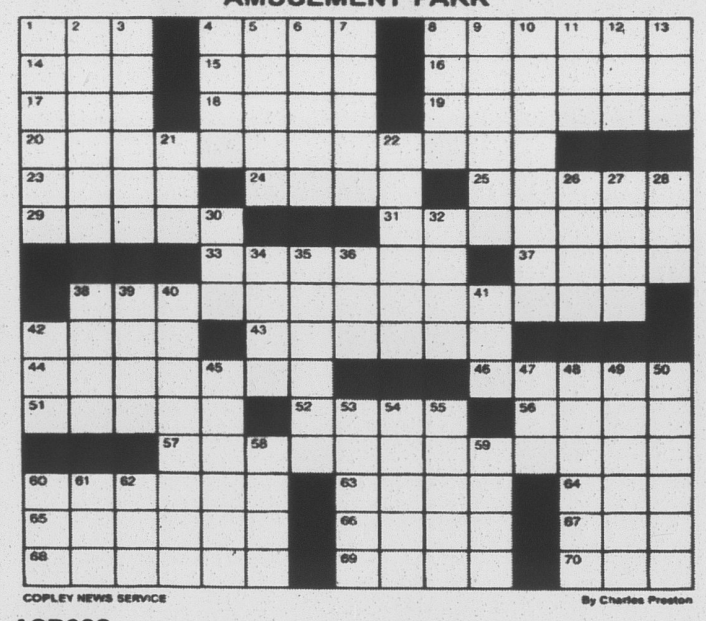

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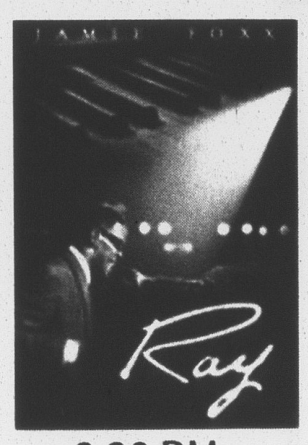

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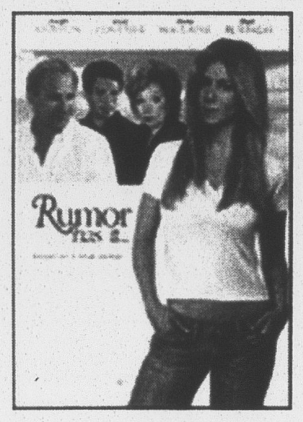

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Feb. 18	Night Owl Bowling	Apr. 8	Relay for Life
Feb. 24	Mid Winter Jazz Concert	Apr. 29	Sing n Swing
Mar 3-5	Lil Sib's Weekend	May 6	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

Valentine's gift ideas that won't break your wallet

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

With Valentine's Day sneaking up on us, there are probably many of you out there who haven't even thought of a gift for your sweetheart (this includes me). You might also be on tight budget (like me) and not want to spend too much money. So here are just a few ideas I've come up with that cost $20 or less that your special someone will really appreciate.

1. Make a "couple" photo album. Yes, that's right. Head to Target, the Dollar Store, or TJ Max and you will be able to find an inexpensive photo album. Then, trek to Wal-Mart and finally print out all of those digital camera pictures of you and your sweetheart. Put it all together and you've got a thoughtful gift that he/she will love.

2. Take a trip to Victoria's Secret or Banana Republic. For you guys out there, Vickie's always has cotton panties on sale 4 pair for $20. Mix and match different styles (thongs, v-string, bikini) with bold patterns and prints. Be sure to throw a Valentine looking pair in the bunch. The sales associate will even give you one of those cool pink and white striped boxes. Ladies, check out Banana Republic for some Vday print boxers for your guy. I saw some there on sale 4 pair for $20. They had hearts and everything.

3. If you're not in the lingerie mood, try something artistic. This will require a lot of time, but from experience I can tell you it's something your significant other will really appreciate. Cut out words, phrases and letters from magazines and make a little mini magazine. Add a photo or two and you're good to go. Put all of the cutouts and pictures on colorful red, white and pink construction paper that's folded in half to make a mini booklet of love.

4. If you're not feeling that crafty, try this idea. Burn your darling a mixed CD of your favorite hits together. Be sure to include some really cheesy love songs too (think Meatloaf, or Bon Jovi). Then head to the Dollar Store, Giant Eagle or Eckerd and buy your partner's favorite candy. Put it all together in a red gift bag with a well-written card.

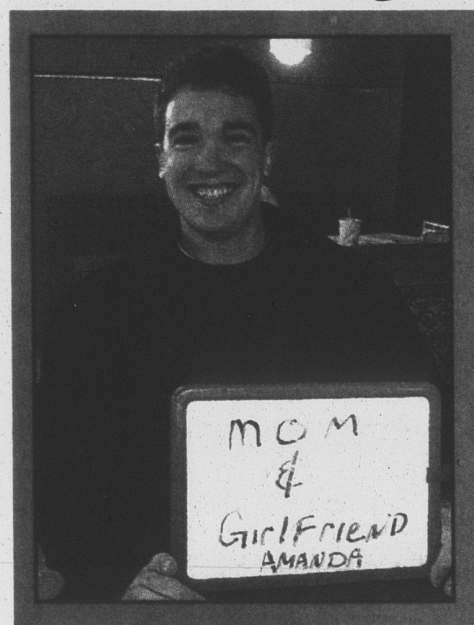
5. Go out to a nice restaurant. Ah, I know what you're thinking. There's no way the two of you can dine for $20 or less. But wait, my patient friend. You can! After you both have already eaten (at home or from the tasty treats of the Tub), head out to a romantic restaurant (think the Iron Bridge) and each order a glass of wine or espresso and split a delectable dessert. It will be a sweet way to wrap up an evening.

6. And finally, if you're not feeling any of those suggestions, here is my last attempt to win you over. Sign up your sweetie for a subscription to his/her favorite magazine. Magazines have great subscription rates right now, especially online (Cosmopolitan, my personal favorite, has 12 issues for just $18). Search the web for some great first time customer rates.

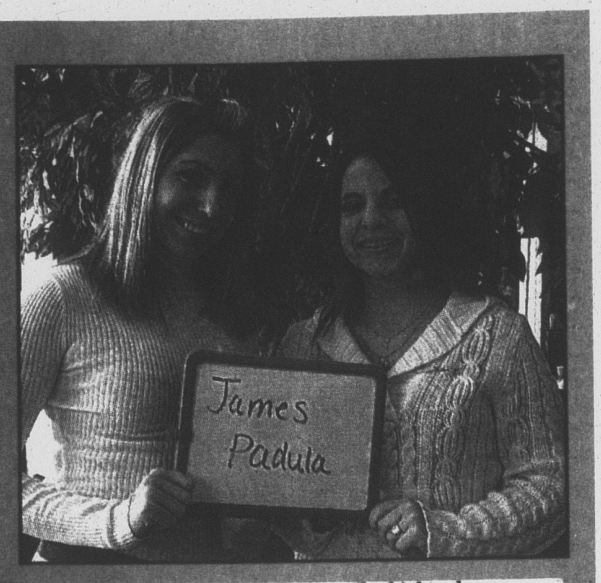
Hopefully my suggestions have helped you out, and if not, at least given you some direction. The bottom line is, always give your special someone something on Valentine's Day, even if it's just a sincere hug and a kiss.

Question of the Week

Who is your Valentine?

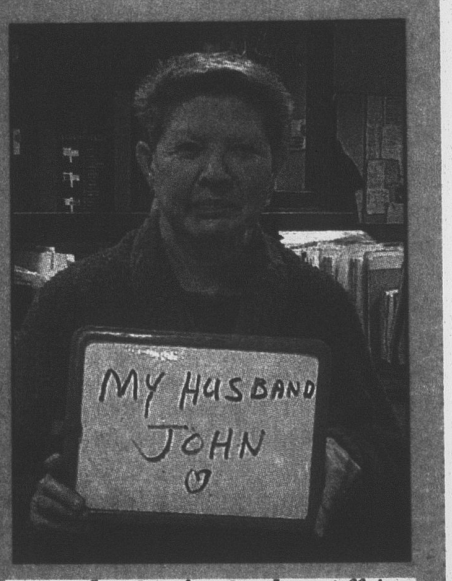


Ryan Hauck, junior



Brittany Donegan, (left)freshman
Danielle Rand, freshman

Melanie Mathews, (left) freshman
Sara Lucente, freshman
Jenna Brizzi, (right) freshman



Kathy Susio, Student Affairs

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Q & A with one lucky sophomore

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside an "extra" day in the life of one student

Dustin Paulik, a sophomore business administration major, may be busy attending class and doing things most college students do now, but this past summer he had an exciting opportunity.

He worked as an extra in an independent movie. The movie, *Graduation*, is tentatively due out this May. The plot of this drama/action film is about 4 kids graduating high school. Polly (Shannon Lucio, formerly of *The O.C.*) has a father who is a banker and a well-respected member of the community. Polly's father has an affair and when she finds out it, Polly convinces her friends to rob his bank during the ceremony to help Carl's (Chris Marquette, *Joan of Arcadia*) sick mother.

This past August, Dustin took off from a day of work at Kmart to be an extra in the movie. The shooting took place in North Hills, Pittsburgh. Most of the shooting occurred at North Hills High School, where Dustin went to school.

Dustin is unsure of how long he'll appear in the movie after the editing is completed.

"I could be in it for just a minute or up to five minutes depending on how they edit it," Dustin said.

The shooting took place in just one day, yet his role was played out over the course of three days.

Photo by Amanda Hauger

"I had to take three different sets of clothes with me the day of the shooting. They just told me to wear something conservative for obvious reasons," Dustin said.

His family is excited about his appearance in the upcoming movie, although he is just an extra. In the future, this die-hard Steelers fan wants to follow in the footsteps of his father and open his own business. He recommends that everyone tries out the movie business as an extra even if just for a day, and says that people don't realize how many opportunities there are for extras, especially in the Pittsburgh area.

Look for Dustin in theaters as soon as May. For a more information on "Graduation," visit www.graduationthemovie.com.

Stars of *Graduation*

***Shannon Lucio (formerly of *The O.C.*) as Polly**

***Chris Marquette (*Joan of Arcadia*) as Carl**

***Riley Smith (*Joan Of Arcadia*) as Chauncey**

***Chris Lowell (*Upstart Actor*) as Tom**

BEHIND THE SCENES

Things you might not know about the making of a movie

1. It's very hot on the set due to the lighting equipment.

2. Make sure if you're an extra you have patience- you will do more takes than you can imagine.

3. Artists plaster the actors with makeup.

4. The microphones pick up every little sound you make because they are so sensitive.

5. The scenes don't follow any particular order during the actual shooting.

Each week, Titan Eye Candy spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

Football turned fashionable

Natalie dishes the latest in Steeler gear

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Football and fashion will forever coincide. During Sunday's Super Bowl XL, Pittsburgh Steelers fans grabbed their lucky jerseys and tuned in to the big game.

Football fans have known to go all out in support of their favorite team. There are no fashion "do's" or "don'ts" in football, since face paint and crazy hats are mild accessories of a fan.

"I came out of the womb black and gold," sophomore Anatoli Dorosh said. "I've been a die-hard Steelers fan since like 1995."

Football gives people a chance to represent a team they take pride in and also brings friends and family together for a day full of food and fun.

"We have Cowher T-shirts that my dad bought for my boyfriend, family, and I from the Strip District that we have to wear every game for good luck," senior Nicole Fi said.

Lucky clothing has become a trend throughout the football scene and gives fans a superstitious bit of good luck.

"I have a signed Roethlisberger jersey that I like to wear while watching the game," junior Adam Leech said.

Football fans not only sport their team's colors with pride, but also collect the array of available memorabilia. The official Pittsburgh Steelers merchandise catalogue found on their website, supplies fans with objects such as Christmas ornaments of Santa Clause in a black and gold robe. The pink clothing Steelers line for women is also featured on this site.

"I got this Steelers bag at a store in Station Square called hometown sports," junior Ashley Campolongo said. "It's great because I love the Steelers of course and it holds all my books."

Campolongo's bag is unique due to the knitted afghan-like Steelers emblem displayed on the front. On the other hand, fans are not the only ones sporting their Steelers' outfits with grace. The football players themselves strut the runway annually for their Fashion Bowl. The event includes a dinner and fashion show to benefit Burger King's Cancer Caring Center. It is held at the Hilton Hotel and clothes from Ross Park Mall are modeled for guests.

Sophomores Ben Jones, Amy Whitling, Allison Chlebowski, and Dorosh modeled their black and gold Monday night while hanging out in Hillside Dormitory. Their ensembles included face paint and footballs.

"This is a mild version of our Steelers gear," Chlebowski said. "Usually I am head to toe in black and gold."

Fashion brings spirit to the football scene as a way for fans to express their pride for their favorite team. Football games would not be complete without a favorite jersey or a terrible towel.

Photo by Natalie Coccia

Natalie Coccia is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

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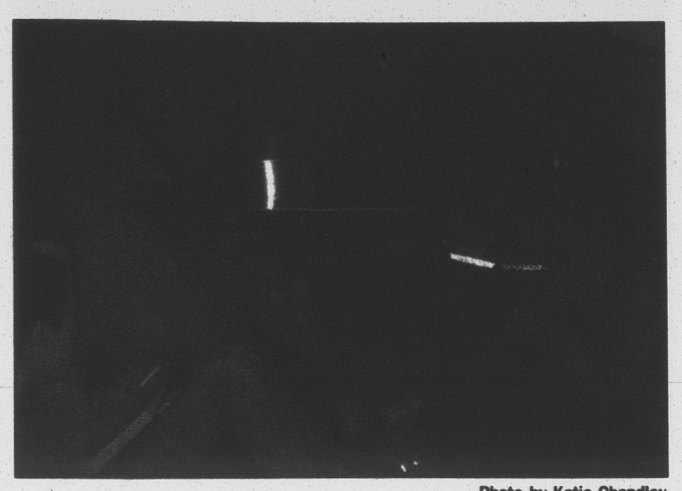

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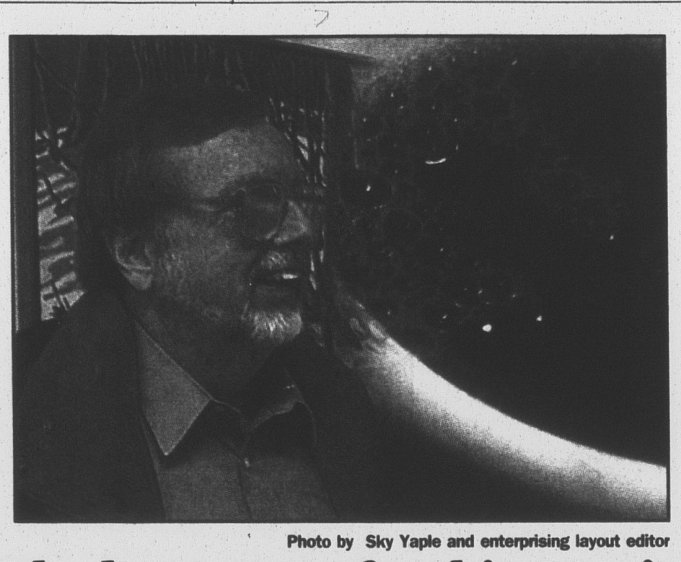

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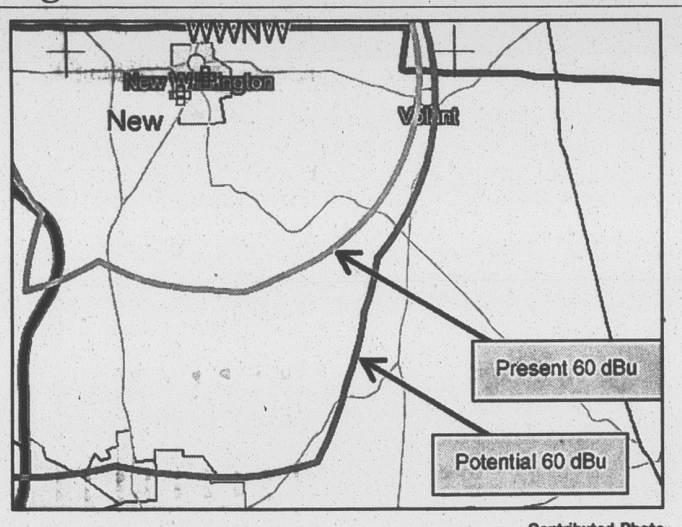
The best part of waking up is Perkins in your cup

The man, the myth, the insomniac: Page B-2



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From here to Pittsburgh?

This summer, you can jam to Titan Radio all the way down I-79, Page A- 4

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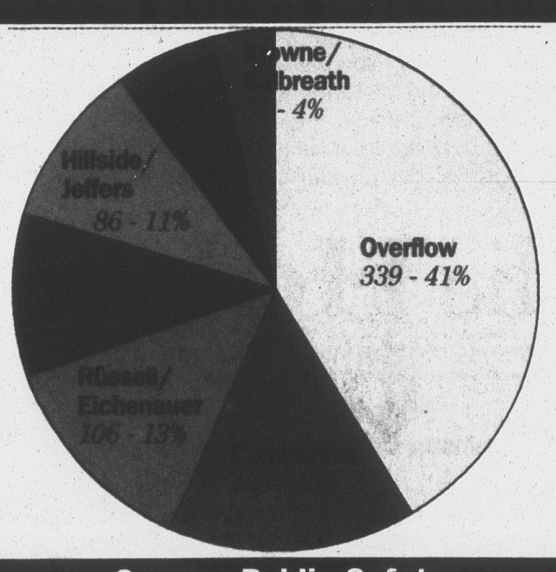

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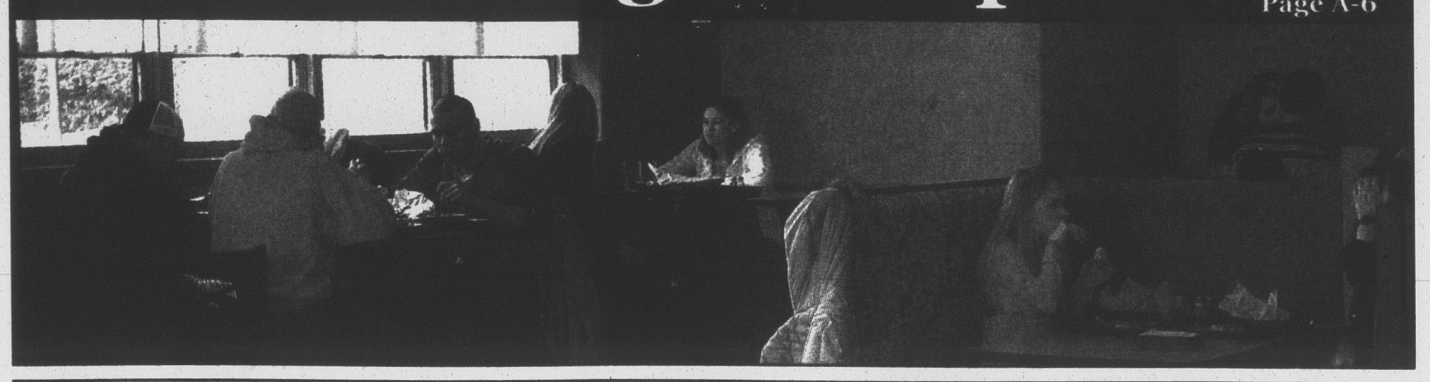

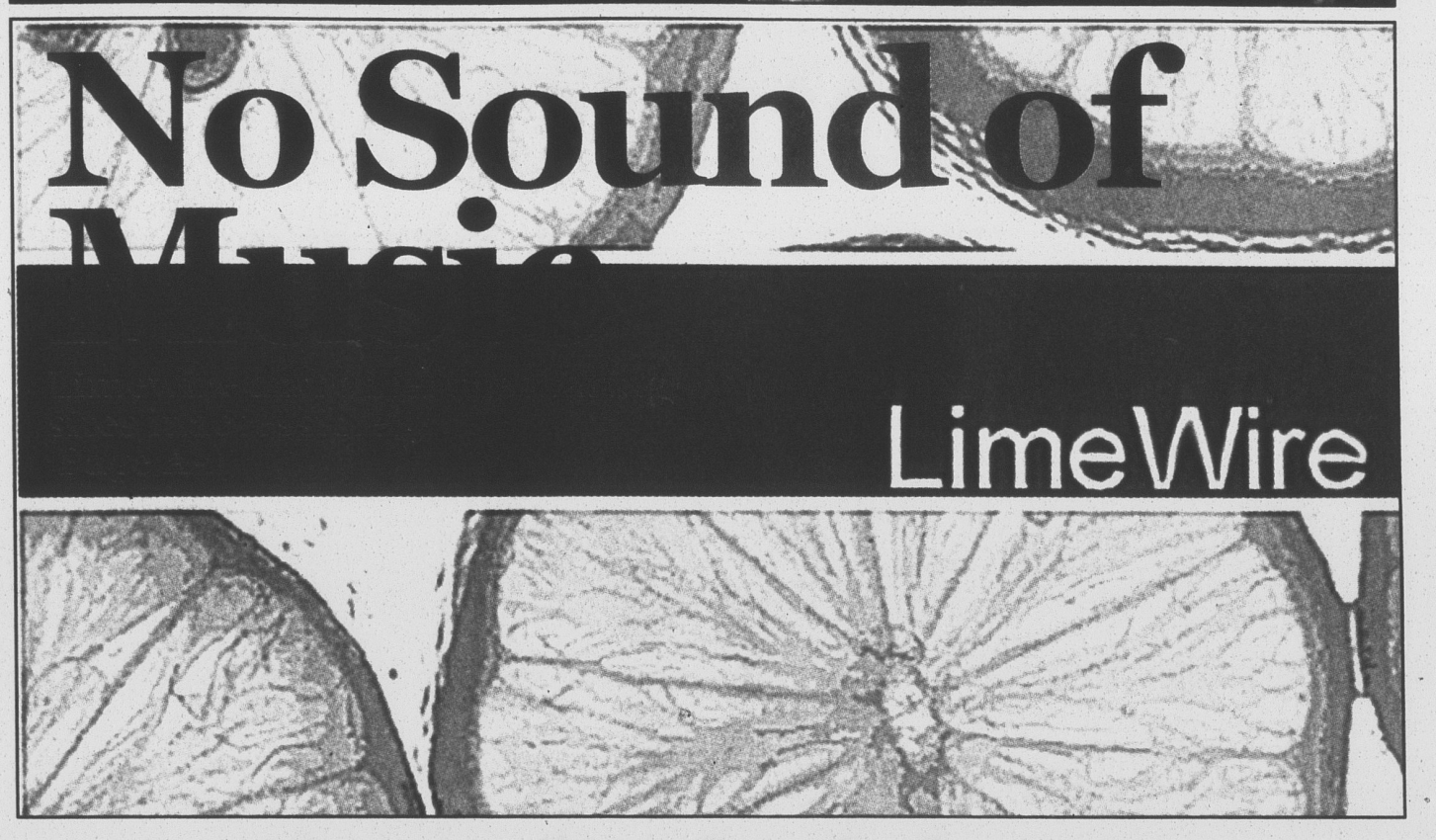

Laundry lockdown hampering students' hygiene

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor in chief

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Rhiannon Mondale, sophomore

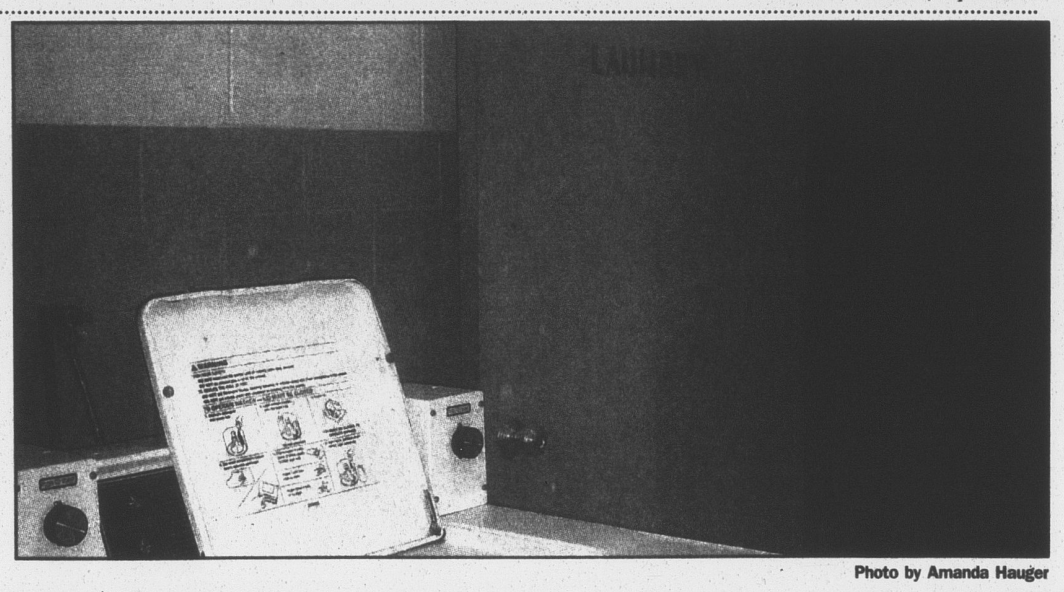

Photo by Amanda Hauger

This is the locked off laundry room where more than 150 Galbreath residents can't wash clothes until this Saturday at midnight.

It's not the panty snatcher from months past that's keeping the more than 150 girls of Galbreath dormitory from doing their laundry this week.

The college says it's time management skills and plain unhygienic practices.

"This was truly last resort idea," a bewildered dean of residential life Molly Mistretta said.

"It was significant enough that we didn't know what else to do," she added.

Mistretta is referring to a lockdown on the Galbreath laundry facilities which started midnight last Saturday and expires this Saturday at midnight.

Mistretta says students would sign up for laundry time and wouldn't get it. Along with that, residents also left a lot of washed clothes lying around the facilities.

To top it off, "students were accusing others of stealing their clothes from the laundry room," Mistretta said.

"We had fines, dorm meetings. The RA's were just exhausted. We even tried bagging up the laundry and putting it behind the front desk making them [the perpetrators] come and get it-but it was never the same people," Mistretta added.

Until now, the college has never had issue with following laundry sign-up protocol.

"You would think that the Shaw freshman would have the problem...but this is an upperclassman dorm," Mistretta said.

Galbreath residential life director Jaimee Carter says the whole issue is petty, but it's nothing new.

This is her second year overseeing the dorm and says that the problem was going on all last year.

"It just came to this point," Carter said. Carter says the reason is simple: overcrowding.

"Laundry signups are crucial." Mistretta added.

With more than 150 girls vying for four washers and four dryers she says, "If people aren't respecting the signups than things can get pretty hectic and wreak havoc."

But that maybe what students want:: chaos.

Carter adds, as of Thursday, two dorms are considering axing the whole laundry sign-up in favor of a free-for-all.

While this new implementation may work, many dorm residents don't think the policy needs to change entirely.

In fact, some weren't overtly upset about having a temporary ban; they were just upset by how the administration handled the issue.

Sophomore elementary education major Rhiannon Mondale says when she went to sign up for her weekly time slot of Monday and saw the room was locked, she thought the worst.

After all, there was no sign posted explaining the immediate closure.

"When they said that something happened... my God I thought someone was stuffed in the dryer," Mondale said.

It wasn't until later when she found out the real reason. Afterwards, she asked her RA where she could do her laundry.

Mondale was told to use any of the other on-campus laundry rooms after midnight; however, the catch is all other dorms lock before midnight.

"I think it's lame that we got punished for it," an irked Mondale said.

And it would be lame-especially if this problem isn't in-house.

More specifically, Carter believes the problem is a result of a few off-campus students or transients trickling in-stealing others laundry and laundry time.

"The more I think about it, if you have to think about the one dorm available to anybody...this is it," Mistretta said.

"It would be easy to just pull your car up to the back of Galbreath [old cafeteria opening] and sneak in," she added.

Even if this is the case, Mistretta tells students to be grateful they have the luxury of free laundry service; most colleges don't provide it.

Still, if the college does want an immediate solution, Carnegie Mellon does use a program called "eSuds."

According to its student newspaper *The Tartan,* eSuds is a Web-based laundry system which allows only registered dorm residents to swipe CMU's equivalent of "Titan Cards" into a laundry machine reader. The system sends an email notifying the student when their laundry is ready.

The best part-the student doesn't pay a dime, quarter or even dollar: it's all attached to their tuition bill.

In the mean time, Mistretta hopes the lockdown leaves a clear message.

"I think shutting it down for a week will make students shape up-they don't want to wear their underwear inside out."

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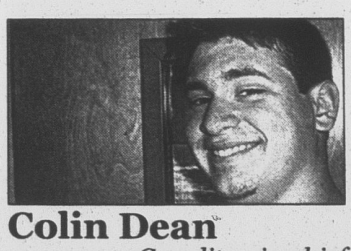
He said, she said: Raising fines won't solve parking problem, or will it?



Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

The night before classes started this semester, I, along with a small group of my friends, trekked to Wendy's for dinner. We took four cars – all with red Eichenauer lot parking permits. When we returned, we found ourselves enjoying Westminster student's favorite pastime: finding a parking place.

Two of the cars managed to get a spot in the actual red lots – the Eichenauer lot and the Russell lot. The third wandered around a bit, finally catching an open spot at the side of the field house. A basketball game was going on inside the gymnasium, so parking was definitely at a premium in the surrounding area.

However, the fourth car – senior Bill Penwell behind the wheel and myself in the passenger seat – circled the lots for ten minutes, hoping; praying; begging that we might find a spot. With no spots open in the Eichenauer or Russell lots, field house overflow taken by other students and basketball fans and the entirety of Westminster Drive full, we gave up and parked in the side lot beside the Phi Kappa Tau house.

The long, rainy walk back gave Bill and me some time to contemplate various acts of violence and civil disobedience in order to show our disgust for the students who park their car where they should not.

It also gave me the opportunity to count how many yellow, overflow lot permitted stickers I saw in the Russell lot. A few minutes later, I had to run out to my own car in the Eichenauer lot, so I counted there, too.

There were no fewer than 10 cars with yellow stickers parked in the areas in which only red-stickered cars are permitted to park.

Isolated incident? I think not. This fact is well-known. On any given day, a guy can walk out of his dorm and see at least a handful of yellow-stickered cars parked illegally. It's not just the Eichenauer and Russell lots, either. The Browne, Galbreath, and Ferguson lots also have this problem.

In fact, I've been monitoring this since the start of the semester.

There was not a single occasion during the first four weeks of school when I did not find at least three cars with yellow tags parked in red lots. I checked often, sometimes as much as four times in one day, all times completely random.

Any time that I could not find a parking spot in the red area and had to park in the yellow overflow area, and yet saw yellow tags in the red area, I called Public Safety to let them know.

Every student who purchases a parking pass knows where he or she should park. And, Public Safety has a pretty neat scheme to figure it out for those didn't actually read the agreement they signed when they got their permit and don't know – if the color of the triangle on the sign doesn't match the color of your sticker, you can't park there!

The fine for a car being parked where it shouldn't is $10. That's pretty low. A student could forgo a meal in the TUB and pay that off. After seven infractions of any type, though, the car gets put on the tow-on-site list, so there is some way to discourage repeat offenders.

Perhaps if the fine was quite a bit steeper, say $50 or $75, students would be far more careful where they decide to put it in park and actually follow the rules.

There are always exceptions, right?

"I was helping my drunken friend into his/her room." Good job, dude/dudette, you're a great friend. Perhaps your friend will be a great friend, too, and pony up some cash to help cover your ticket.

Also, I see no problem with someone pulling into the lined-off areas of the lot to drop things off, leaving their flashers on to indicate that they will return to move their car to the lot in which they paid for the privilege to park.

I also see little problem in parking in the commuter lot after noon or 1 p.m., as the many professors and commuters who park there have left for the day.

And, if you feel your case is an exception, Public Safety and the SGA judicial board are ready to hear your case.

We who have red permits paid for the privilege to park in the red lots. I was sure to get my red permit the first day that permits were available last spring, because I didn't want to have to park in the yellow areas that are far away from my dorm like I did all last year.

Kathryn doesn't want to see the fines raised because she's one of those people who parks where she shouldn't! I chuckle at her misfortune. Ha ha ha.

If you had a yellow permit this year, you'll know to try to get your appropriate dorm permit when permits are available. If you drag your feet (like Kathryn) and don't get it, you'll know better in the future. Quit whining and park where you're supposed to park.

Until the fines are raised, keep your yellow permits out of our non-yellow lots!

Colin is a junior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. His car is non-descript - it easily blends in with the other cars on campus. He listens to The Darkness and ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail Of Dead while speeding around the boondocks.

Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

While my dear co-editor-in-chief and computer help desk indentured servant thinks he's helping out the masses with his noble "increase the parking fines" idea, he's not.

I fear, dear Colin, your philosophy will only add you to the acrid yellow sticker people's exorbitantly long "kill list."

And, Colin there are many places where they could stuff your body along Westminster Drive so that no one would ever, ever find you. In fact Colin, after reading your article, I'm not sure I would mind my next County Line story: how your various appendages wound up in every different color parking zone on the Westminsterian Mother Faire's map.

Approximately 339 students on campus park in the "yellow" Westminster Avenue lots. And on many occasions I, being one of these tagged "yellow" recipients, have parked in Hell.

Yes, gentle readers, I, like Colin, have walked through quaking mud and over hills and valleys to retrieve my car.

Here's the difference: I'm sure not asking for an increased fine.

Now, I've talked with the Deep Throats of campus parking, and they don't deny there is a parking problem; however, forking fines back on the students doesn't help anybody. When, in earnest, I pitched your idea to Dean of Security John Lechner, he gave a disapproving nod. He knows that these fines do hit home.

"Hey, I know students have a limited budget," Lechner said. "Increasing fines wouldn't help. What would help is if everyone followed the rules. Otherwise we get the parking domino effect."

Lechner insists that eventually we'll have 60 townhouse parking slots and a new 100-spot, $100,000 lot by the field house.

In the meantime, let's be positive. At least we don't have a 15 minute walk—in dress clothes and heels—to central campus. (I, gentle readers, had that experience my first two years at the University of the South.)

I believe we must adopt a more transcendental approach to get us through the arduous ambulation up to our dorms.

Let's, as Milton would say, turn our "hell into a heaven" and adopt the "three weeks before spring break ultimate body build." That's right, Colin. I know you do a lot of time sitting behind computers, but you may need an additional marathon hike from Hell to remind you how lackluster your idea is.

After all, the walk may be all the impetus you need to clear your mind. If not, the next time you see me with my flailing red hair and a pitchfork coming at you, and you wonder why a slew of "yellow tag" students are tarring and feathering your car— if not your body—you'll brood over why you wrote your absurd article in the first place.

Kathryn's illustrious parking code:

Heaven: Anywhere in front of Browne and Ferg

Purgatory: Down the hill, in front of the insanely steep incline sidewalk

Hell: Anywhere where your car may be taken over by the river, near the evil science buildings or at the end of the world: the field house.

Kathryn is a senior broadcast communications and English major. She likes pearls and Tucker Carlson-style bowties. She drives a shiny silver Mercury Sable with a Tennesee plate and listens to Hillary Duff and Britney Spears while be-bopping down the Interstate. She secretly believes everything Colin says.

Letter to the Editor

College has duty to let students learn, to parent when necessary

I personally agree that a college needs to be aware of the fact that the students here are in a transition phase between childhood and adulthood. Technically we are all adults, meaning over 18 and able to vote, drive, etc. However, in essence, we are here to learn how to become adults; most of us aren't quite there yet. Therefore, the Westminster administration has a duty to allow us to learn how to live affectively as members of society, while also providing us with a certain amount of 'parenting' if you will. Therefore, I feel that they had good intensions for banning alcohol paraphernalia. I know that it seems they are becoming Big Brother and infringing upon our right to make fools of ourselves, but perhaps in childishly feeling oppressed by not being allowed to drink ourselves silly on campus, we have missed the bigger picture.

So, let's talk some more about infringement of rights: for example, when drinking turns into sexual assault. A friend of mine brought this point to my attention – Excess drinking, which happens very frequently on college campuses such as Westminster, is a leading cause of rape or date rape. So is it alright for a male (or female) drunk 'adult' to take advantage of someone because he or she is under the influence of alcohol? Isn't that an infringement of the assaulted person's rights? I should hope everyone would collectively utter a resounding "yes!" I hope everyone understands my thought process that it is far worse to be the victim of sexual assault or theft or vandalism or any of the other shameful acts that may become the result of alcohol than to not be able to display a beer bong in the dorm rooms. So, I say thanks to Student Affairs for showing they might just care about our safety. Until college students can become responsible adults who consume alcohol wisely, I say Westminster has every right to prohibit alcohol paraphernalia. Perhaps we should all reflect on ourselves before we criticize.

Kathrine Hutchison
News Editor

Complaints? Concerns? Make yourself heard to someone!

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Aah, the smell of new facilities! Nothing quite like having a new dining hall to bring up your mood! Well, kind of.

Since it's less of a new building and more of a renovation, I guess it's not really "new" as it is "revised." I figure it can't be worse than it was before. Before all of this new stuff, you'd have to walk through the cafeteria to see if there was anything worth getting, backtrack to double check, and then put your tray back and go out to Pizza Joes.

Granted, I haven't been in the hall since it opened, but I'm guessing it's going to cut out at least one of the trips through the food line. From the reports I've heard, the food quality is just about the same as it was before, which is good because I have grown addicted to eating off campus anyway.

From what I've seen, the cafeteria looks awesome now. It actually looks like a restaurant! There are booths and a fancy buffet style... counter thing. You know, the kind that you'd usually see in buffet style restaurants.

Then again, I haven't gotten a chance to see it up close. I haven't been in the cafeteria since early last semester, and right now the place is more packed than the kiddie pool during adult swim. I guess its human nature to go completely crazy for grand openings.

I'm just hoping that the quality of the food will have improved. I think I may have been wrong before when I asked for a wide variety of food. Well, maybe not wrong so much as misinterpreted. I was actually hoping that the number of things we could eat would increase as well as the quality of the food. You know, that would make my day.

I also would like to say that I love the workers in the TUB. They have been really, really nice through all of the crap that has happened in the past year- from the absurd prices to being understaffed. Really, I don't know too many other places that have such awesome people working for them.

I guess the point I'm trying to make is that I do complain about the food a lot. I think it's something that needs work. Constructive criticism, right?

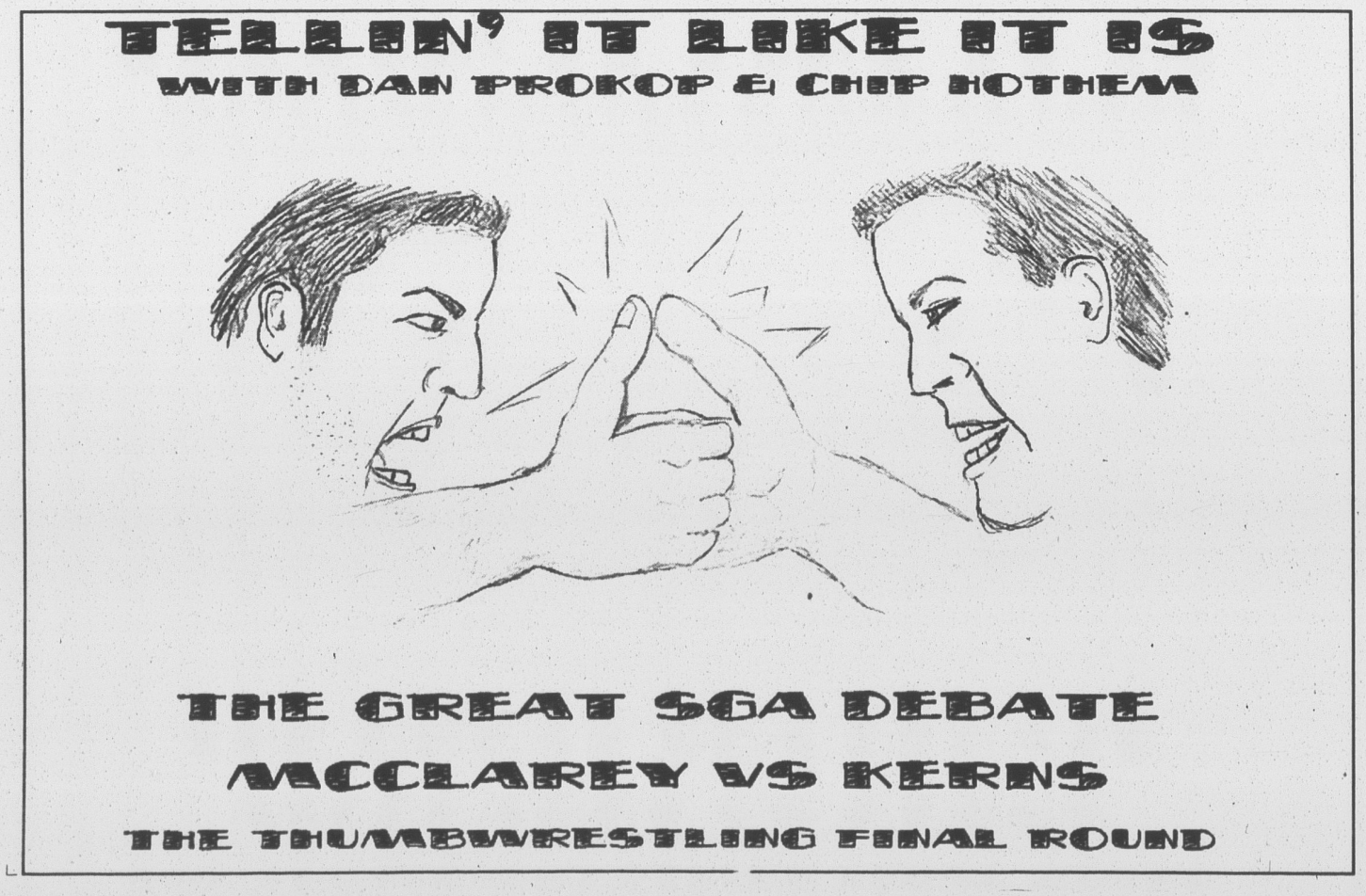
That doesn't mean I hate the people that work here. Quite the opposite, I spent about four years working as a dishwasher in a restaurant. As for the quality of the food, all I'm doing is voicing the opinion of the majority of the student body. You'd think that someone, somewhere would listen and make things better.

Eating off campus is a great thing to do every now and then, but I'm kind of running a little low on the money. The new Sheetz may have fantastically low prices, but it's still a little bit harder to pay for without the Titan card option.

Also, it angers me when people throw spaghetti sauce-related items down the main stairwell in Eichenauer. Seriously, I would have eaten that before it was splattered all over the stairwell.

People can be so mean.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.



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Westminster Outside the Bubble

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Powerball Fever
Jackpot Grows to $300 Million

The Powerball jackpot keeps growing and grown and now will now reach an estimated record $365 million for Saturday drawing. Local convenience stores selling tickets say state lottery officials have advised them to brace for a rush on tickets. They estimated that the ticket sales earlier this week averaged 84 per minute.

Area Farmers Reach Out to Mercer County Dairy Family
Fire Devastates Local Dairy Farm

Farmer Dan Robinson says he has no choice but to rebuild his dairy farm in the wake of a Wednesday night fire in Pine Township that claimed his barn and more than 40 cows. Robinson says without cows there is no milk and without milk his family has no income. He says he hopes an insurance policy will help him rebuild the Robinson Crown Hill Dairy– a farm his family's owned since the 1960s. While the cause of the fire is not know, Robinson believes it was an accident. He says dozens of farmers from around the area have rushed to help him with equipment, supplies and feed.

Some War Memorabilia Rescued
Fire Destroys Local VFW Hall

A state police fire marshal continues investigating the cause of a blaze that leveled the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7465 in Springfield Township on Tuesday. While no one was hurt, the fire devastated the building claiming American flags and VFW war memorabilia inside. Springfield Township VFD Chief Steve Rae says firefighters were able to save some items military memorabilia. He says it looks like the fire was accidental.

GOP Backs Former Steeler
Swan Stands as Lone GOP Candidate

Business advocate Jim Panyard says quitting the race for Governor leaving former Steeler wide receiver Lynn Swann as the sole candidate on the ballot in the May GOP primary. Panyard blames the lack of financial backing and support from Pennsylvania Republicans. Last weekend state Republican leaders endorsed Swann's candidacy. Panyard says the party's more interested using Swann's celebrity to defeat Governor Rendell's re-election bid over bringing reform to the state. Earlier this month former Lt. Governor Bill Scranton dropped out of the race offering similar criticism.

Snow Going to Our East
WC Expert Picks Snow Over Rain for Planes

The weekend's blizzard spared Western Pennsylvania, but made for delays for planes, trains and buses headed to the east. But when it comes to plane travel Westminster College physics professor and pilot William Johnson says he'll take the snow. Johnson tells Titan Radio News flying in snow is safer and easier than in rain. He says rain can ice up on a plane's wings. However, Johnson points out bigger aircraft are often equipped with heating devices– keeping ice from forming on the wings.

State GOP Endorses Swann
Swann Almost a Sure in the May Election

Former Pittsburgh Steeler Lynn Swann now appears to have all he needs to become the GOP gubernatorial candidate to face off with Democratic incumbent Ed Rendell this fall. Over the weekend, Swann became the first African American the state GOP committee has endorsed for statewide office in Pennsylvania and he would be the state's first black governor. Earlier this month former Lt. Governor Bill Scranton dropped out of the race. Swann's remaining challenge on the Republican ticket is from retired business advocate Jim Panyard.

Hickory High Student Heading Back to School
Principal Parody Case Update

A Hickory High School senior punished for parodying his principal on the Internet returns to classes next week. The Hermitage School District punished Justin Layshock with a 10 day suspension last month for mocking his principal with a phony profile on the web. The ACLU took the case to federal court claiming the district violated Layshock's First Amendment rights. But a judge sided with school officials. However, the ACLU plans to continue it's lawsuit—but it struck a deal on Layshock's behalf and he'll return to school next Monday.

SRU Student Found Dead in Dorm
Troopers Seek Answers in Mysterious Death

State troopers say it could take another week before they can say what caused the death of an 18-year old Slippery Rock University student. State police say they need toxicology results before the coroner can determine the cause of death. She was found Tuesday night in her dorm room. State police say they found no signs of foul play.

Nothing Beats Being There in Person
Titan Coach Witnesses Steeler History

Westminster head basketball coach Larry Ondako has a big game Thursday against Geneva College– but he was eye witness to an even bigger game on Super Bowl Sunday. Ondako was one of those Steeler fans in Detroit cheering on the Steelers. Ondako says he's attended other Super Bowls, but none can compare to being there in person to see the Steelers become Super Bowl champs.

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Student in Broncos jersey furor enrolls in new school

Jersey lesson

BEAVER FALLS, Pa. (AP) - A high school student who complained that a teacher forced him to sit on the floor during a midterm exam _ for wearing a Denver Broncos jersey _ has left the school district after what his father said was continued harassment and silence from students.

"He doesn't feel wanted," Brian Vannoy said of his son, Joshua. "I just want him to be happy in school."

Joshua Vannoy, 17, enrolled at a new school Friday, his father said. Brian Vannoy would not identify the school.

Big Beaver Falls Area School District officials could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Vannoy, a junior, stopped going to Beaver Falls High School after he said his honors ethnic-relations teacher John Kelly, a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, forced him to take the midterm sitting on the floor and encouraged other students to pelt him with wads of paper.

Vannoy wore the jersey of retired Broncos quarterback John Elway to class Jan. 20, two days before the Steelers beat the Broncos in the AFC Championship Game.

Vannoy returned Jan. 30 with an escort. He dropped Kelly's class for a study hall but he faced stony silence and some comments, though no threats of physical violence, his father said.

"He gave it a while," Brian Vannoy said. "But it just wasn't getting any better."

Vannoy received national attention and a $3,000 leather heat-massage reclining chair designed by Elway.

Kelly has called the incident "silly fun." The district said he apologized and told students to respect Vannoy.

After an investigation, the district said Kelly would not be disciplined and that he "has already been the brunt of adverse public opinion."

Students who take the course often are singled out to exemplify uncomfortable treatment and they know this when they enroll for the class, the district said. Crumpled paper was thrown at Vannoy, but not during the exam.

The Vannoys were disappointed the district took no action against Kelly, Brian Vannoy said. "They just turned in onto Josh," he said.

National

Northeast digs out from record snowstorm; classes, flights canceled

Winter stops hibernating

(AP) - Drivers shoveled out their cars, marooned travelers waited impatiently for trains and planes to get back to full service, and utility crews struggled to restore power Monday after a record-breaking weekend snowstorm across the Northeast.

Most highways were in good shape in time for the morning commute, though many city streets and sidewalks were still snow-packed and slippery.

Hundreds of schools canceled classes from West Virginia to Massachusetts, but youngsters did not get a holiday in New York City, where subways continued running and major streets had been plowed despite a record-breaking 26.9-inch snowfall.

"I never want to see snow again," Laura Guerra, 27, of Miami, said after spending the night on a cot at New York's LaGuardia Airport. She said she had not seen snow since she was 4, "but I got it out of my system."

The storm blanketed the East Coast from Maine to the mountains of western North Carolina, where Robbinsville get 20 inches of snow and a scenic highway remained closed Monday by 6-foot drifts. Unlike most of the Northeast, where the storm died down Sunday afternoon, light snow continued falling in western North Carolina on Monday.

Airlines worked to catch up after canceling hundreds of weekend flights at major airports from Washington to Boston, stranding travelers across the country.

All three major New York-area airports _ Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark _ had reopened with limited service by Monday morning.

Amtrak still had numerous storm-related schedule changes.

Some passengers were stranded Sunday on the Long Island Rail Road east of New York City, where trains got stuck on snow-covered tracks. One train was marooned for five hours. Limited LIRR service into Manhattan resumed on Monday morning, but one branch on Long Island still sat idle.

"Usually the trains never stop. It's never been like this," Rebecca Karpus said Monday as she waited to return home on the LIRR after being marooned at Penn Station since 6:30 p.m. Sunday. "It's really paralyzed us."

"It's very, very poor emergency planning on the part of the Long Island Rail Road to have passengers stranded for 10, 15, 17 hours," fumed Walter Garcia, 39, who spent almost 18 hours at Penn Station.

The storm also knocked out power across parts of the Northeast, most severely in Maryland, where utilities said more than 48,000 homes and businesses still had no power Monday. About 16,000 customers lost power Sunday in New Jersey, but almost all of them had electricity again on Monday.

Carol Miner said she got through the night with the help of multiple blankets and socks after her home in Severna Park, Md., lost power and the indoor temperature fell to 47 degrees. "My husband slept with a hooded sweatshirt on," she said. Love."

National

At U.S. school for comics, the students take the funnies seriously

Cartoon School

DOVER, New Jersey (AP) - Most college students don't first learn about their school the way Jessie Desmond learned about hers: In an advertisement in an "X-Men" comic book.

But then, most colleges aren't remotely like the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art, Inc., which opened 30 years ago and has since been churning out artists for the ever-growing comic industry.

What other school boasts of alumni who went to work for the old MTV claymation series "Celebrity Deathmatch" or faculty who have worked for Mad magazine?

Just because doodling in class is required and a women's bathroom is marked by a larger-than-life painting of Wonder Woman on the door, though, don't think that the school is all fun and games. Housed in a former high school, a stately building with creaky wooden floors, the mood is that of a music conservatory, where sleepy-eyed students are fully immersed in their craft.

"This is kind of like a boot camp," said Desmond, 23, who dropped out of the University of Alaska three years ago to attend the Kubert school and pursue a career in animation.

Kubert, a comic-book legend perhaps best known for drawing Sgt. Rock, a fictitious World War II hero, has a rigorous curriculum. Kubert says that while art and design schools offer some cartoon classes, his school is the only accredited one made specifically for cartoonists.

Paul Levitz, the president and publisher at DC Comics, said Kubert's school has given more people a way into the comics industry.

"To some degree, comics have always worked like the old Medieval guilds," said Levitz, who is publishing Kubert's forthcoming "Sgt. Rock" books. Aspiring artists had to meet experienced artists on their own and learn at their sides, Levitz said. "This has been the first solid path that broke that."

The school has meant people with different personalities and people from far-flung places have had a better chance in the business, said Levitz, who sits on an advisory board for the school.

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Campus News

LimeWire future tart

Filesharing still available but bandwidth scant

By Bill Quigley
Campus writer

Many students on campus are agitated by their inability to download music, but the current downloading restrictions work as intended, according to the information systems staff.

TitanNET blocks Internet access to most file-sharing programs during the day in order to conserve bandwidth for academic and business purposes. Between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., students may run these programs to download music with few restrictions. No major changes have been made to the college's file-sharing policy. However, a few recent tweaks made for security reasons may prevent the use of some file-sharing programs-specifically LimeWire.

"LimeWire probably worked up until a couple days ago, but it may be totally done right now," telecommunications/network engineer Don Goodlin said. "There's just a ton of garbage that comes with it. You don't know what you're going to get when you download music with LimeWire."

According to Goodlin, TitanNET used to be completely unrestricted, but students were using so much bandwidth with file-sharing programs that the network became almost completely unusable. File-sharing programs use an extensive amount of bandwidth and may pose major threats to the computers on which they are installed. There is no way to validate that files downloaded with these programs are legitimate and do not contain viruses.

Furthermore, many students install spyware programs that cause computers to be extremely slow and can even be used to track information sent and received by computers running them. The staff of the campus computer technician center reported that spyware installed by file-sharing programs and disreputable Web sites is a big problem on campus.

"I was using BearShare and LimeWire, but for some reason they haven't been working since October."

Jared Foster, sophomore

"Students bring their computers down here all the time with tons of spyware on them," senior technician Ben Smith said. "Most of the time, the only option is to re-image them."

Student reactions to the college's stance on file-sharing vary greatly. Many students are extremely annoyed by the restrictions.

"I was using BearShare and LimeWire, but for some reason they haven't been working since October," sophomore Jared Foster said. "I hate the college's policy."

At the same time, others are pleased and have very few problems downloading what they want.

"I've never had any problems, so I guess the college's policy is decent," freshman Karen Vesely said.

Coordinator of user and desktop services Stanton Fleming noted that students would complain as much or more if no restrictions were in place, as they did in the past, due to network slowness and other unintended side-effects of file-sharing programs.

The entire information systems staff agrees that the current system works as it was designed to, and the restrictions in place are needed to provide network access for tasks that are absolutely necessary to students and staff members alike.

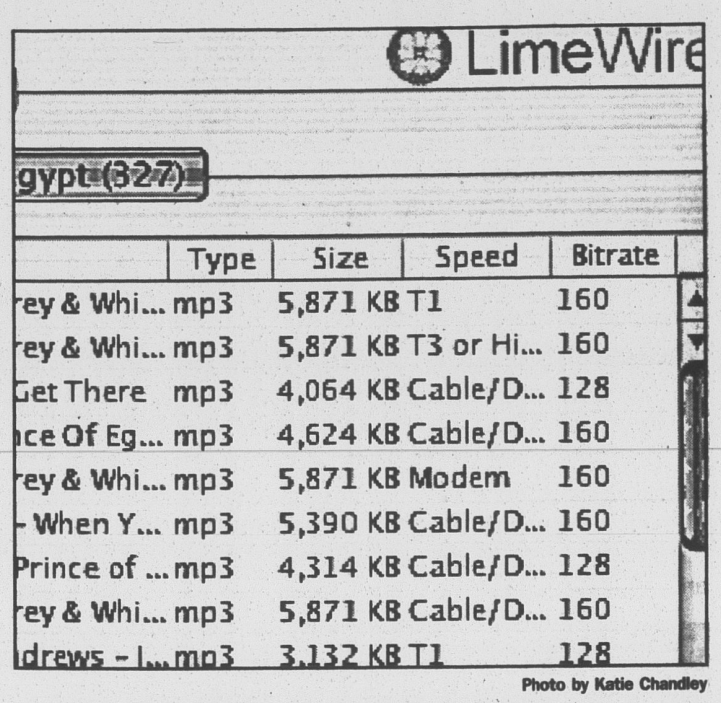
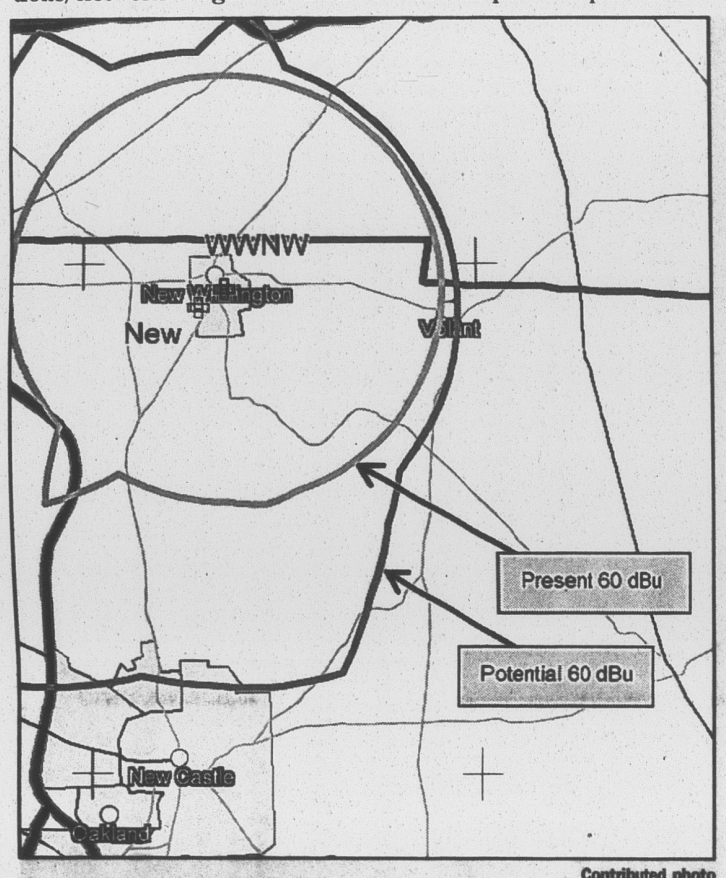


Photo by Katie Chandley

It has been difficult for students to access peer to peer filesharing services such as LimeWire and BearShare, but without the current restrictions, such services would quickly make the entirety of the network slower and less responsive, affecting students, faculty, and staff alike.



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By this summer, listeners will be able to hear Titan Radio possibly as far away as Pittsburgh.

Upping the wattage

Titan Radio to expand coverage area

By Clarissa Hunter
Campus writer

Pretty soon, residents as far away as Bessemer will be able to hear what is happening on Westminster's campus.

WWNW Digital 88.9 FM, Westminster's College's radio station will be expanding its coverage area by 3800 watts.

"I think it's the best thing that could happen to the station," assistant program director Amy Sasfai said.

"I think it will be easier to get a job. Any potential employer has a much better chance of hearing you at 4000 watts, then at 200 watts."

The FCC granted Titan Radio the opportunity to expand its coverage area last winter, but the school does not have enough money yet, to buy the equipment it needs. In order to accomplish the goal of the new coverage area, $57,000 is needed.

"We need a new antenna for directional purposes and a new transmitter to strengthen the hold. If one transmitter breaks down we have another to back it up," Dr. David Barner, chair of the Department of communications Studies, theatre and art said.

"We have $37,000 dollars at the moment. $20,000 is from the Pennsylvania State Grant arranged by State Senator Bob Robbins. $10,000 is from the Towering Titan Donation and we have $7,000 from other sources," Barner said.

Barner hopes that the school will not have to go to the alumni for money. They would rather receive donations by surrounding companies and restaurants.

If all of the money is received by spring time, construction can start so it will be done before next semester.

"I feel pretty confident we are going up in power this summer," said Barner.

"It has to be done by this summer, if not, it must be done by next summer, because the contract will run out."

At the moment the coverage area is mainly in New Wilmington, but stretches as far as Neshannock and other surrounding towns. Titan Radio wants to expand in order for more people to hear students, especially family.

This past year, Titan Radio started streaming on the internet.

"We have 70 people a day logging onto our website. That's more people then we were expecting," said Barner.

The station on campus gives broadcasting students hands-on experience. The station also broadcasts sporting events, vespers and contests.

For more information, contact Barner at (724) 946-7239 or email barnerdl@westminster.edu.

Peace Studies coffeehouse: Acknowledging problems first step toward solution

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

The first Peace Studies coffeehouse of the semester was held yesterday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge. The topic was a discussion about race relations at Westminster.

The coffeehouse was set up as a panel discussion. Twelve students from the Black Student Union answered questions and provided comments and insight about racial issues on campus, and in general.

At a place as homogenous as Westminster, it may be hard for the average student to understand being discriminated against or stereotyped for the color of your skin. With a campus of about 1,600, there are only about 65 minority students during any given year. In addition to the small number of minority students, many students here came from small un-diverse towns.

An opportunity to have a discussion like this was well received. Though the topic was a serious one, there was a light atmosphere as well, as the room was full and many students were anxious to ask questions. Students on the panel joked about some of their experiences and there was a general sense of openness.

One issue, though joked about, the panel members were trying to get across was the frustration of assumptions made by other students as well as the loss of individuality.

"We get referred to as 'you guys' so much. We all get clumped together all the time-we're never individualized," explained sophomore and president of the BSU Akesha Joseph.

Junior Joselyn Parker talked about what it was like to be a minority on campus.

"I feel like I have a job being a minority student, and that is to correct the stereotypes," she said.

While many members of the panel commented that they, for the most part, feel welcome on Westminster's campus, others talked about negative experiences they have witnessed. Michelle Curry who is now a senior commented on the fact that during her freshman year there were fewer minority students on campus.

"I didn't feel welcome wherever I went, but a lot has changed since then -and for the better," she said.

When the room was asked how race relations could be improved at Westminster, a lot of valuable advice was given.

"Quit acting like it's not a problem," said Joseph. "The best way to deal with the issue is to acknowledge that there is an issue."

The creation and activeness of an organization like BSU is definitely helping to open the campus's eyes. After last night's discussion, many non-black students learned that they too can participate and are welcome to be a part of BSU.

At the end of the hour, it was apparent the discussion could have lasted longer, as many students still had questions. Reverend James Mohr, College Chaplain made some remarks to end, about how relations can be improved on campus.

"I think all of us need to look at ourselves. That where it starts- you have to say no I'm not going to be like that, I'm not going to say that- you need to treat people just like they are your brother and sister," said Mohr.

Before ending, Dr. Andrea Grove, organizer of the coffeehouses, addressed the question of the potential for things to change.

"That's the point. You're supposed to leave here four years later with something. Everybody has to challenge themselves...If you don't do that, when you get your college diploma- it's a fraud for you," she said.

Many students lingered around afterwards and continued to engage in discussions.

Sophomore Jelena Gerga, a naturalized citizen, spoke of her experiences in her native country of Yugoslavia.

"Before I came to America, I didn't realize there was a problem of black and white," she commented.

Curry and Parker, brought up the initial idea of a campus wide discussion on race. Afterward, Curry said she felt the event was a success.

"I personally feel like now when I walk out of these doors people are gonna say 'ok, that's Michelle', not 'the black girl'," said Curry.

Sherri Pataki, BSU advisor commented saying she "thought the event was wonderful and a way to recognize the value of diversity at Westminster."

Photo by Nawal Rajeh

A panel comprised of many students fielded questions on race relations and diversity on campus at the Peace Studies coffeehouse Feb. 16.

Sophomore Clarissa Hunter commented on ways that non-black students can help to bring about change on campus.

"People don't know where you stand and you have to let them know. If someone is being racist you have to stand up for the other person. The first step is defending them."

Though an event like this with a good turnout showed an optimistic side of race relations at Westminster, there is still a lot of work to be done, as sophomore Bill Saddler explained.

"I never felt that I experienced racism until I came here [Westminster]...It's actually harder for me because I'm mixed. I'm white and black. Black people see me as white and white people see me as black," said Saddler.

"It is a slow process. Will I ever see an equal nation in my lifetime? Probably not...we just need people to break out of their boundaries and become dare devils. Do something you haven't done before. That's the only way that we have advanced. Each person has to take one step."

Students who attended the coffeehouse took a first step towards breaking out of their boundaries. Hopefully this step will to lead more, and begin to create lasting change.

The BSU meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in MCC 255.

More news from around the campus

Fasting for funds

Several students to take part in annual fasting event to raise money for annual fasting event

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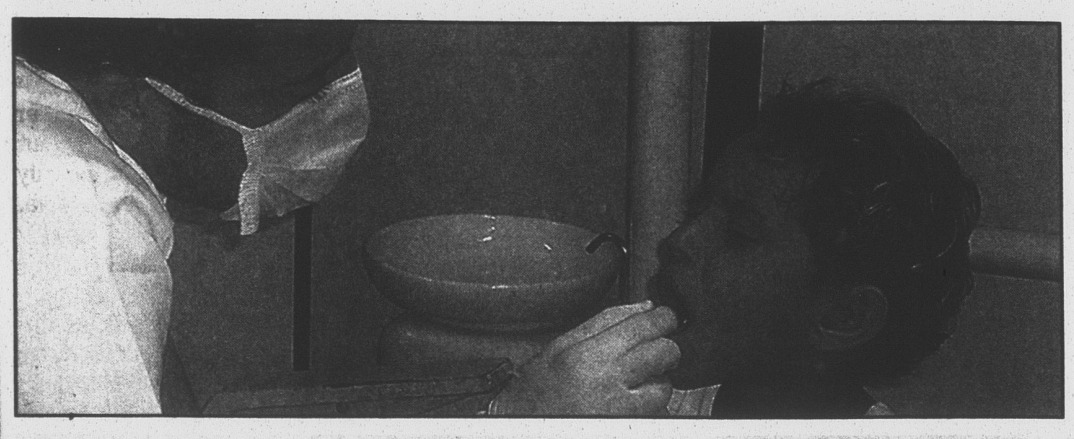
Above: A small girl holds a bird. Below: A doctor checks up on a small boy. Both pictures are from Manaus, Brazil.



By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

Starting at 2 p.m. Feb. 17 and ending at 8 p.m. Feb. 18, the chapel office is sponsoring the 30 Hour Famine on campus.

There will be at least 14 participants/students doing the Juice-fast, which means the participants will be allowed to drink juice and water during this time.

Activities and games, for anyone interested, will take place in the Berlin Lounge starting at 5 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, participants will engage in a service project at the World Vision distribution plant in Sewickley, PA.

This event is held all over the world with its purpose embedded in raising funds and awareness for an international Christian relief and development organization called World Vision.

In 2004, World Vision offered material, emotional, social and spiritual support to 100 million people in 96 countries.

Deborah Ward and Tracy Hefner are co-leaders of this fasting fundraiser.

Ward, who will be participating in the famine for the 5th time in her life, said "Since it had such a big impact on me the first time, I did it a second time."

In fact, in 2004, Ward was awarded a rare prize for her massive efforts in fundraising. Her reward is called a "Vision Trip" and to be eligible, one must submit three essays and raise at least $360, which is enough to feed a child through World Vision for a year.

"I was chosen out of hundred [of qualifiers] to see the work of World Vision in Manaus, Brazil. I went and saw that they are actually changing lives," Ward said.

In its entirety, the trip to Manaus, which is the biggest city in the Amazon rainforest, lasted 10 days. During this time, Ward was able to bear witness to the medical missionary boats, filled with dentists and doctors, traveling up and down the rivers to give aid to the children and adults in the villages.

In the village she went to, World Vision had been supplying aid for a number of years already, so the inhabitants were not severely malnourished.

She spoke with numerous children (through a translator) about their gratefulness for an organization such as World Vision.

"They talked about how much it means to them to get a letter from their sponsor," Ward said. Numerous people choose to sponsor a child through the organization and in doing so, provide funds to keep the child nourished.

By participating in this "Vision Trip," Ward experienced first hand exactly how fundraising for and participating in the 30 hour famine affects people around the globe.

For more information on this event, contact the chapel office, Deborah Ward or Tracy Hefner.

Mid-winter concert

Symphonic band highlights include a dedication to passed professor

By Sara Camerota
Staff writer

On Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. the symphonic band will present its mid-winter concert in the Will W. Orr Auditorium.

The symphonic band is compromised of eighty Westminster College students from the college community. Each of these students expresses the same common bond of their love for music.

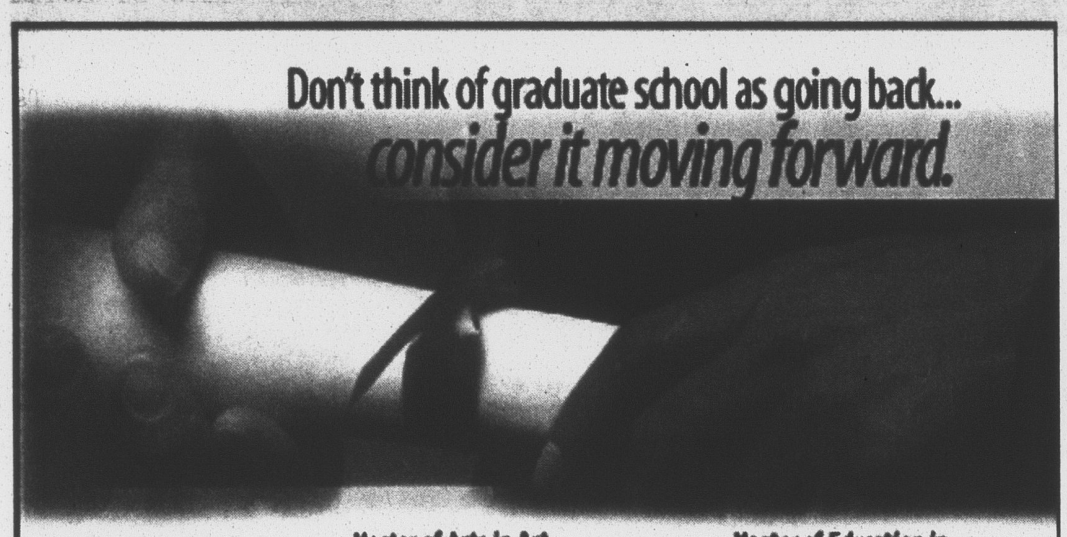
"Being a member of the symphonic band is a unique experience as musician because the band is not solely compromised of music majors," said Anna Long, a junior music major.

The band is under the direction of Dr. R. Tad Greig, director of instrumental activities and assistant professor of music. The symphonic band begins rehearsing immediately after the culmination of the marching band season. The mid-winter concert is the band's first performance this year.

"The band meets twice a week, and the members are very excited about this performance," Long said.

The literature for the program will include a variety of selections complete with John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post." The symphonic band is dedicating this march to the late Dr. William "Doc" MacTaggart because he is remembered as reminiscing about his days of playing the "Washington Post" on his clarinet.

The mid-winter concert is free to all. There will be an opportunity for free-will donations, which will help the symphonic band to defray the costs of the tour they are planning in December of 2006 to Spain. The doors will open promptly at 7:00 p.m. The concert is expected to last approximately an hour and half so there is plenty of time to schedule a belated Valentine's date after the performance, or even better, bring your sweetie along for a wonderful evening of music.



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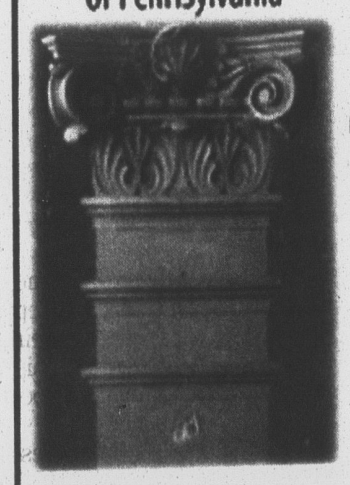

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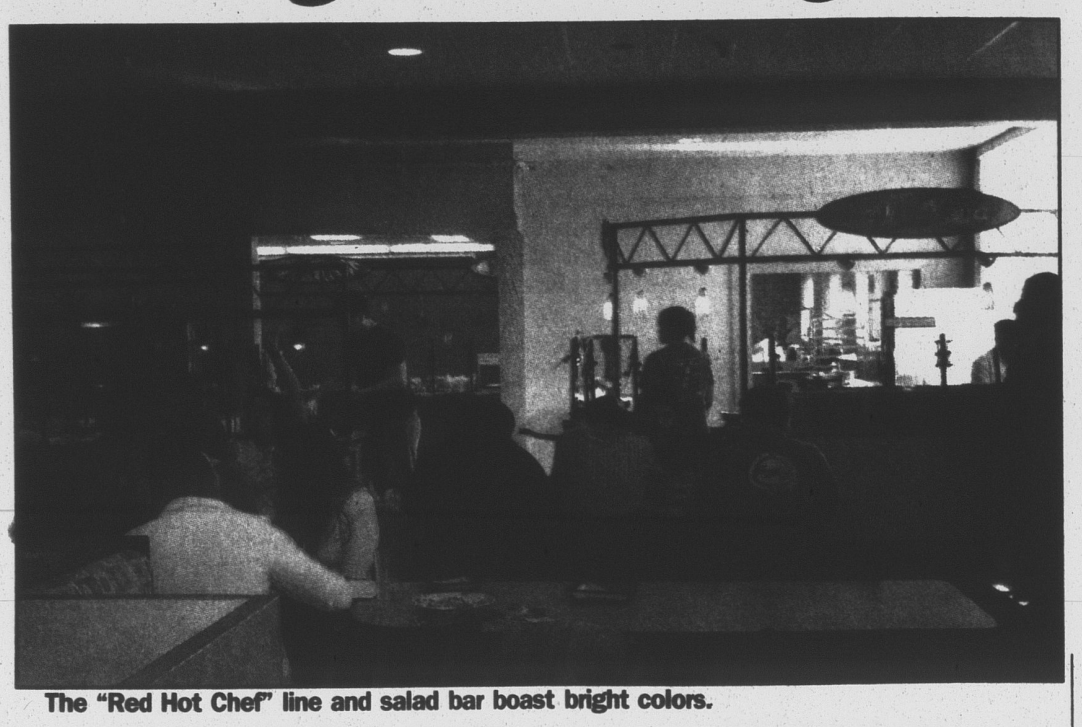


The "Red Hot Chef" line and salad bar boast bright colors.

So what do you think?

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

After months of construction and wasting of resources from eating with plastic utensils and Styrofoam plates, the newly renovated McGinness Dining Room is finally open for business! It opened on Monday, February 13th – just in time to take that sweetheart to a cozy booth for a romantic dinner date on Valentine's Day.

Opening day was quite packed and lines filed out the door.

"Monday we had quite a few more customers than last week - about 65 at lunch and 180 at dinner," Food Service General Manager Jeff Creveling said.

"[Tuesday] we had about 40 more for lunch and dinner, although less people came to dinner campus wide. It seems quite a few people are checking it out."

McGinness was scheduled to open upon students' return from Christmas break, however, delays in shipping, interruptions due to the Christmas holiday and the finalization of plans pushed back the opening date.

Since this dining hall was renovated for the students, it is only appropriate to get feedback from the students. When Creveling was asked if he was satisfied, he said "I think the place is great, but it's really what you guys think that matters."

Some students' opinions of the renovated McGinness dining hall were favorable.

"It's sweet...I just don't know where everything is yet," junior Derek Ferrier said.

"As far as presentation goes, the new look is awesome," junior Scott Seserko, said. "I think it will definitely attract some of the students who tried to go to the TUB everyday."

Some students' opinions of the dining hall were less favorable and included suggestions for better accommodation of the students.

"I'd rather eat in the old cafeteria and have new food, instead of so many seats," junior Kelly Spisak said.

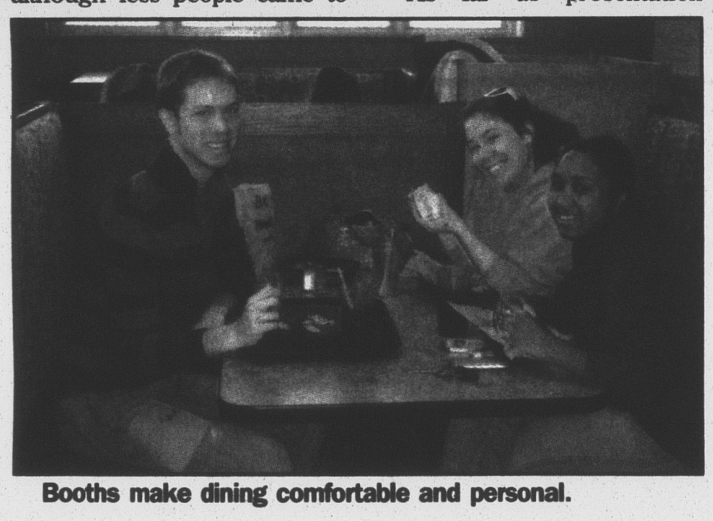
"The cereal is definitely too hard to reach for short people," sophomore Lindsay McCarty said.

"I think the renovation looks great," junior Tom Campana said, "but for $30,000 to go here, they could have at least added a milkshake machine."

"They should think about putting fast food restaurants in the old section," senior Gary McGovern said.

The food selection gracing the cafeteria this week included selections never seen on campus before including chicken breast saltimbocca, shrimp salad sandwiches and eggplant cacciatore.

"Next week we'll have our Grand Opening Celebration. We'll be serving all of your favorites. Wednesday, we have a Chinese Auction Planned and a very special dinner Thurday night," Creveling said.



Booths make dining comfortable and personal.

McGinness dining hall reopens for business

By Jenna Hinks
Campus Writer

Friends, good food, and having a fun time are all things that students should look forward to during week of the opening of McGinness Dining Hall.

McGinness Dining Hall was opened for students on Monday, February 13, with the official grand opening on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Throughout this week, students should look forward to new and special menu items. These new items are sure to be a great addition to the mass selection of items like cheeseburgers, fries, pizza, salads, bagels and cereal.

The menu options in the dining hall have always been changed on a daily basis, but now there are even more to chose from than ever before. New stations have been added to make the variety even more extensive.

Students can look forward to the most festivities during the grand opening. This should be a day of excitement for the lovers of the cafeteria.

"There will be little events going on the entire week, but students should look forward to a special menu on the 23rd," general manager of dining services Jeff Creveling said.

Photos by Katie Chandley

Warm colors make the new dining room welcoming.

The new main station that will be added to McGinness Dining Hall will be a made to order deli.

"This new station also includes a toaster, so students will be able to have a toasted sub or sandwich," Creveling said.

There has always been a wide range from which students can select their meals, but there will be some new things to look forward to. For some students, this addition will be comparable to going to Sheetz or to Subway, where their subs and sandwiches are made to order the way they want them.

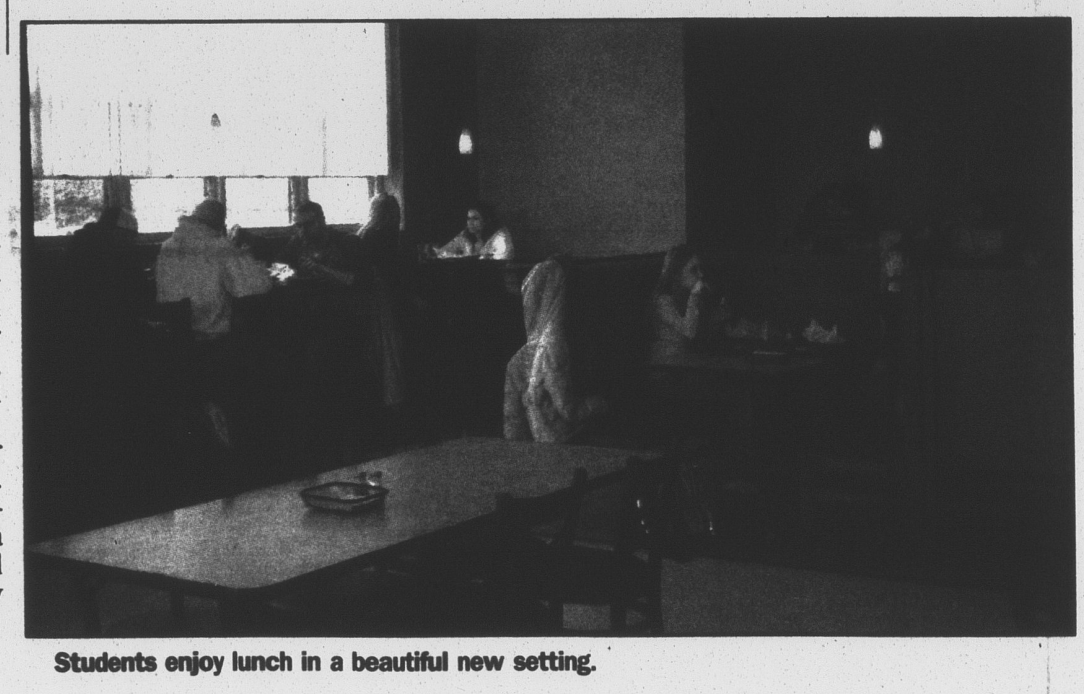
"The new deli will be a great addition to the cafeteria. Especially with the new toaster for the subs, it will be like eating at Subway whenever I want," junior Katie McDermott said.

The grand opening of McGinness Dining Hall is something for which students who eat at the cafeteria on a normal basis are very anxious.

The new additions and looks also might attract more students and faculty than ever before.

Most students see the cafeteria as a great spot for socializing. While there, students can enjoy the company of their friends while having as much food and drink as they please, including dessert and even coffee or cappuccino after their meals. Students also use the cafeteria to take a break from their hectic schedules.

"I love eating at the cafeteria. All of my friends eat there, so I also have a good time. I have always liked their selection, but now, it is exciting that there will be even more than before," junior Rebecca Logar said.



Students enjoy lunch in a beautiful new setting.

The expert opinion

By Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

The new section of the cafeteria opened up Monday, Feb. 13.

I've heard multiple different opinions floating around campus. First I'll give you my opinion and then I'll state some others that I've heard.

Okay, I really like the interior decorating that has been done. It looks like it came straight from HGTV. I would know - I watch that channel all the time. It is very professional. Everything is very well matched and coordinated. The colors bring forth a relaxing restaurant atmosphere. The new plates and trays are a great addition to the layout. It is clear that the hope of bringing more students into the cafeteria has worked perfectly considering the room has been packed every time I've eaten there so far.

I don't like to be pessimistic, but if I were to change some things, this is what I would do. These are just some small tips that I think would make the dining experience just a tad better.

First of all, at the "Red Hot Chef" line, there is no where to put your tray down, and when you're trying to balance the tray with a drink and silverware and take a hot plate from the cook, there is bound to be a few accidents. I think they should add a tray slider, for lack of a better term, to the "Red Hot Chef" area.

Next, the salad bar is very cute, and the idea of two smaller bars adds to the look of the area, but it's a little impractical. There's no real direction to where you start because the plates are just kind of sitting there. I noticed that people are fighting different directions and getting irritated. I also found that it was a little difficult to reach the items in the center of the bar. I think it would be fine but that glass window just kind of gets in the way.

My last concern is that it is a great deal smaller than the other room. What will happen when we have visitors for the music department or some high school basketball or football teams come to eat on a visitation day with their parents? How will they all fit with the numerous Westminster students that take up every seat in the hall?

You've read my concerns, but what do the other students have to say?

"There's no where for you to really make your own food anymore," stated junior Liz Gavin.

"I liked the pasta bars or taco bars that we had before, but now they do everything for you except for the salad bar. You can't even make your own sandwich!"

Senior biology major Peter Um brought up a good point, one only a biology major would consider: "Those lights above the salad bar are probably going to make the vegetables go bad."

"I just hope they keep up with the great variety that they've offered this week," said freshman Jake Shaffer.

Sophomore Brian Urso also likes the variety of food and how it is set up. "I especially like the booth and comfortable atmosphere that they made," he explained.

Zak Lantz, resident director of Russell Hall, thinks they did a fabulous job at making the dining hall more "aesthetically pleasing." He continued, "they've made it into a much more user friendly atmosphere."

Don't get me wrong, I like the new area and I eat there everyday. I just wanted to point out a few ideas that I think would make it even better. If you haven't eaten there yet, go try it out! And thank you, Sodexo, for giving us something new and exciting on campus!

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Sunday	none	9:48 a.m.
Monday	12:41 a.m.	10:16 a.m.
Tuesday	1:51 a.m.	10:52 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 21	Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 14

Weather History

On Feb. 17, 1980, Albany, N.Y., had its only subzero temperature of the season. The following year, on the same date, temperatures in nearby Connecticut soared into the 60s.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	33	12	pc	21	12	sf	19	14	pc	28	20	sf	35	20	pc
Butler, PA	40	14	r	25	9	sf	22	12	pc	26	22	sf	38	21	pc
Cambridge, OH	43	20	pc	21	15	pc	28	16	s	38	22	sf	39	21	pc
Canton, OH	35	13	pc	20	13	sf	23	15	pc	29	20	sf	36	20	pc
Cincinnati, OH	37	16	pc	24	12	pc	27	16	pc	30	19	sf	38	24	pc
Clarion, PA	40	14	sf	18	10	sf	23	14	pc	26	19	sf	34	18	pc
Clarksburg, WV	47	20	r	26	18	sf	30	20	s	34	23	sn	41	22	pc
Cleveland, OH	35	12	sf	19	8	sf	22	11	pc	27	17	sf	30	20	pc
Columbus, OH	38	19	pc	19	14	pc	27	18	s	38	22	sf	38	24	pc
Cumberland, MD	44	22	r	29	16	sf	27	19	s	34	23	sn	39	24	pc
Erie, PA	32	15	sf	17	10	sf	18	12	sf	26	18	sf	30	16	sf
Franklin, PA	37	12	sf	21	11	sf	22	16	pc	29	20	sf	35	19	pc
Greensburg, PA	45	19	r	26	15	sf	29	19	s	26	24	sn	39	22	pc
Greenville, PA	34	12	sf	20	11	sf	19	11	pc	28	21	sf	31	19	pc
Grove City, PA	38	14	r	25	9	sf	20	11	pc	27	18	sf	37	20	pc
Hagerstown, MD	54	20	r	30	11	c	28	11	s	33	20	sn	36	20	pc
Indiana, PA	46	22	r	26	14	sf	20	20	s	27	26	sn	40	25	pc
Jamestown, NY	36	11	sn	14	8	sf	17	10	sf	24	18	sf	30	19	sf
Kittanning, PA	41	19	r	23	13	sf	30	19	pc	28	26	sf	40	23	pc
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Mansfield, OH	36	14	pc	19	10	c	25	13	pc	35	20	sf	33	20	pc
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New Castle, PA	38	14	r	22	11	sf	25	14	pc	28	17	sf	35	20	pc
Oil City, PA	37	13	sf	21	12	sf	22	17	pc	29	20	sf	35	20	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	45	16	r	25	9	sf	25	13	s	28	17	sn	33	20	pc
Sharon, PA	35	13	sf	21	11	sf	21	11	pc	29	21	sf	31	19	pc
Somerset, PA	42	15	r	18	12	sf	18	17	s	27	20	sn	34	20	pc
Steubenville, OH	42	17	pc	20	13	pc	27	16	s	30	22	sn	39	21	pc
Uniontown, PA	46	21	r	28	13	sf	30	18	s	27	23	sn	40	22	pc
Warren, OH	35	13	sf	22	11	sf	24	11	pc	29	20	sf	32	19	pc
Washington, PA	42	21	r	22	12	pc	26	15	s	26	19	sn	39	20	pc
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Wheeling, WV	41	17	pc	20	13	pc	26	16	s	39	21	sn	39	21	pc
Youngstown, OH	36	13	sf	22	10	sf	19	10	pc	29	21	sf	31	19	pc
Wooster, OH	34	14	pc	19	13	sf	29	15	pc	28	21	sf	34	20	pc
Zanesville, OH	39	21	pc	21	16	pc	27	16	s	37	24	sf	38	22	pc

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Titans capture PAC crown

By Tom Heath
staff writer

The Grove City Invitational and PAC Championships proved to be very far from disappointing this past weekend as both the men's and women's swim teams captured the Invitational and PAC crowns, respectively.

Not only did the Titans win, but they also did so in record-breaking fashion. Between both the men's and women's teams, there were 17 different records broken in PAC, Westminster, Pool and Invitational records. For Coach Robert Klamut, however, this was not something he had dreamed of going into last Thursday's meet.

"Going into the meet, I knew that both teams had a good chance to win, but it would be close," Klamut said. "The psych sheets had us placed in all the right position to win, but the only question that remained was 'are we ready to go?'"

Both Titan teams were without a doubt ready to go, and in fact, what Klamut expected was actually the opposite of what happened.

"I thought that it would be very close for the women and an easier victory for the men; however, it was in fact the exact opposite," Klamut said.

The women won with a total score of 817, and the men won with a score of 936 total points.

However, after Thursday, Klamut did not foresee the end results.

"At the point, the women were only down two points, and I was confident that we would come back and outscore W&J (who finished 2nd)," Klamut said.

The men, however, were a different story.

"Even though we were up five points, they just seemed flat," Klamut said. "It seemed like they were looking for a spark that night, and they never got it."

Klamut was worried for good reason. Grove City only swam eight members of their team, which is about half. The Titans, however, swam the whole team. Since the margin was so tight, and with more swimmers competing the next night, Grove City had more of an opportunity to score more points during the next few nights.

The Titans responded in impressive fashion. Both teams took over on Friday evening, and on Saturday they took the PAC and Invitational crowns.

"Winning the PAC was a huge goal, and doing it so well made it that much more exciting," Klamut said. "The women especially were outstanding the whole meet. They didn't have nearly as many first place finishes as the men, but the depth is what helped take charge on Friday."

For most, the season is complete; but for several Titan swimmers, this could be the first step to NCAA glory.

Titan Ryan "Boston" Trunk was the sole Titan to make an NCAA 'A' cut, advancing him to the NCAA Championships in the 100 freestyle. There are four other Titans who hope to join Trunk at the University of Minnesota. To do so, they must make the cuts this weekend in a last chance meet at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

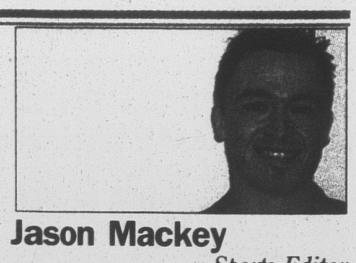
Titans in motion...

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Rachel Eaton shields the ball from a Washington and Jefferson defender.

Photo by Chelsea Becker

Brian Urso tears down the court during the rival match with Geneva.



Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Family Tradition

Rivalry Week - Pitt upsets West Virginia, Duke beats North Carolina and the Santarsiero family throws kitchen utensils at each other.

Well, it's not that intense, but within the Santarsiero family, a father and daughter are in the middle of a once outstanding rivalry.

Jeff Santarsiero serves as the head coach for the Geneva Golden Tornadoes.

He's also the father of Ashley Santarsiero, a sophomore here at the college.

Dinner must be fueled with some serious rivalry talk. Wrong.

"We joke around about it, but it's really not that big of deal," Ashley said.

After speaking with Coach Santarsiero, he seemed to take a realistic approach.
"After this game she'll go back to school and I'll go back to coach at Geneva," he said.

Alright, they won't say much. But what would a friendly rivalry be without some old-fashioned trash-talk?

Sophomore guard Craig Hannon chimed in by jokingly giving Ashley a hard time before the game. Hannon also inquired as to what Jeff was like before the game.

"He was more nervous than excited," Ashley said.

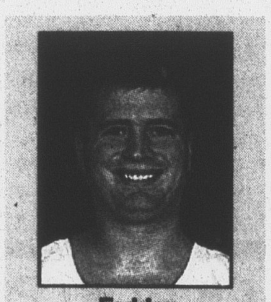
So, for a rivalry that seems so underplayed, wouldn't you think Ashley grew up recognizing our fine liberal arts institution? Ehh, wrong again.

"I actually grew up hating Westminster. When I was little I never thought I'd go to school here. However, it [the rivalry] kind of died down a little bit and my dad even suggested that I look into going to school here," Ashley said.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Titan Sports Shorts

Titan Men's Basketball Clinches PAC Tournament Home Game



Fadden

Senior guard Mark DeMonaco paced six double-digit scorers with a team-high 23 points as the Westminster College men's basketball team posted a 111-100 PAC win at Thiel College tonight at Rissell-Begghly Gymnasia in Greenville. With the win, the Titans (9-15, 6-5) PAC clinched an opening round home game at next week's PAC Championship Tournament. The Tomcats dropped to 4-20 overall, 1-10 in the PAC.

Thiel opened the game by jumping out to an 8-2 lead less than 90 seconds into the contest, but Westminster quickly closed the gap. Both teams held the lead for extended periods in the opening half before the Titans took a 50-47 lead into the half. Westminster led the entire second half, but could not shake a stubborn Tomcat squad until the final minute. The Titans led by as many as 11 points (80-69 with 10:53 to play), only to see Thiel answer with a 9-0 run over the next 1:15 to cut the lead to two (80-78). Leading 96-94 with 2:44 left, the Titans got the cushion they needed on a three-pointer by sophomore guard Craig Hannon for a 99-94 advantage with 2:14 to play. Westminster then made 12-of-14 free throw attempts in the final 1:17 to cement the victory.

In addition to DeMonaco, senior guard Brian Fadden and sophomore forward Nick Adams each added 18 points. Fadden posted a double-double by grabbing a team-high 11 rebounds, while Adams came off the bench to drill a team-best five three-pointers. Hannon scored 15 points, while junior guard Greg Rosatelli posted 12 points and a team-high four assists. Sophomore forward Brian Urso rounded out the double-figure scorers with 10 points. Thiel was led by senior forward Damien Williams with a game- and career-high 42 points on 17-of-24 shooting from the field.

Westminster men's basketball closes the 2005-06 regular season this Saturday, hosting PAC rival Waynesburg College for Senior Day at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium beginning at 4 p.m. With a win over the Yellow Jackets, the Titans would earn the third seed and host #6 Thomas More in the PAC Tournament first round Tuesday. A loss to Waynesburg would drop the Titans to the fourth seed and a home matchup with #5 Grove City Tuesday. Westminster Women's Basketball Holds Off Late Rally to Post 76-73 PAC Road Win at Thiel

Lady Titans win PAC match on the road.

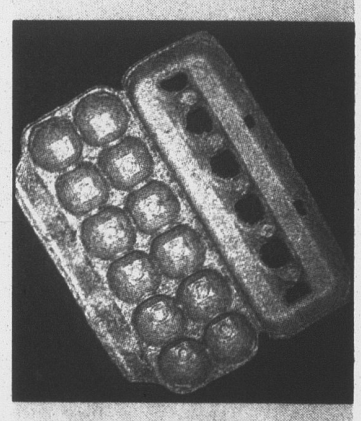
Sterling

Junior guard Desiree Sterling scored a team-high 22 points tonight at Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasia in Greenville to lead the Westminster College women's basketball team to a 76-73 PAC road victory at Thiel College. The Lady Titans improved to 7-17 overall, 4-7 in conference play with the win, while the Tomcats fell to 7-17, 6-5 in league play.

Thiel jumped out to a quick 8-2 lead in the game's first 90 seconds, but Westminster quickly battled back in a nip-and tuck first half which saw 12 lead changes and seven ties. Trailing 29-27 with 1:43 to go in the period, the Lady Titans closed the half with a 6-0 run to take a 33-29 halftime advantage. Westminster built on the margin early in the second half, building a comfortable 14-point advantage (61-47) with 7:45 left. From there, the Tomcats staged a furious rally, going on a 21-7 run to tie the game 68-68 with three minutes to play. Westminster held off the rally with a 6-0 run of its own to lead 74-68 with 1:51 left. After Thiel cut the lead to one (74-73) with 25 seconds to play, sophomore forward Terese Marszalek made a pair of free throws with 22 seconds left to put Westminster back up by three. The Lady Titans then held Thiel scoreless on a pair of shots in the closing seconds to clinch the win.

Sterling was 10-of-17 from the field, including 2-of-5 from three-point range in the victory. Other double-digit Lady Titan scorers included junior guard Rachel Eaton with 12 points, while Marszalek and junior center Talley Felger. each added 11. Felger posted a double-double by grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds. Junior guard Nicole Fee dished out a game-high six assists, while Sterling added five. Thiel was paced by freshman Amber Bodrick with a game-high 25 points in the loss.

The Lady Titan basketball team closes the 2005-06 regular season at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium this Saturday (Feb. 18) against PAC rival Waynesburg College beginning at 2 p.m.



The egg carton is empty this week, but next week Justin Egley will crack into some of the best plays of the week from *The County Line* on the Westminster College Cable Network, Channel 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

A&E Arts & Entertainment

It's bananas

Curious George

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

What did you do on Valentine's Day? I spent the afternoon with Heather Storm (most of you know her as Poodle) and multiple children and parents when we saw Curious George. I must say it was one of the better Valentine's Days I've had. This movie put me in such a good mood my sarcasm had no place for the rest of the day.

The film in wonderfully simplistic in its animation and storyline; it's a refreshing break from the world of computer animation and pop culture jokes with rapping animals. The animals in Curious George are cute and amusing. That's all we need to expect from them, and I'm happy with that.

The film remains true to the books in innocence, adventure, and appealing nature. Will Ferrell is the voice of The Man in the Yellow Hat (who we learn is named Ted), who is a little bit dorky as a museum worker (think Ross from FRIENDS). Unfortunately, his beloved museum is going to close in favor of a parking lot if attendance doesn't increase.

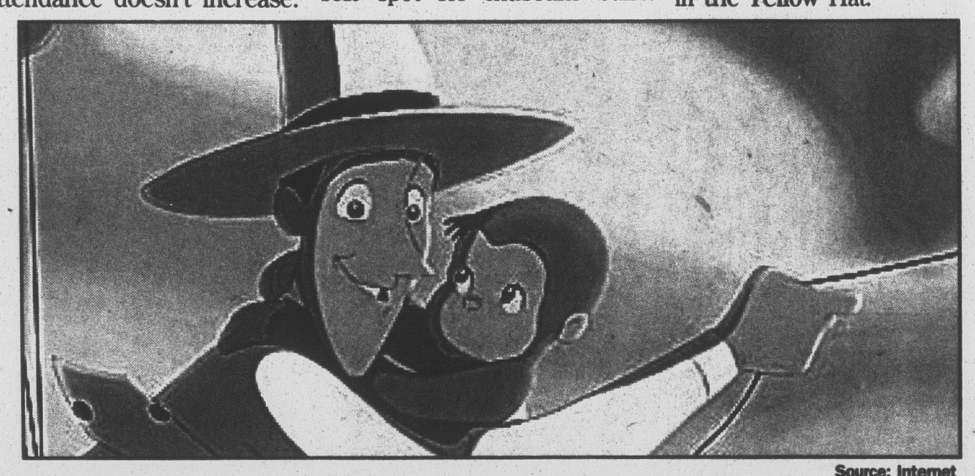
What the museum needs is a new and exciting attraction to spark the interest of the public.

Therefore, Ted sets out for Africa in search of an ancient idol carved by an extinct civilization. Along the way he finds George, whose curiosity often gets him into trouble. But he's so adorable! George becomes attached to Ted and follows him back to the city. Naturally, a curious monkey and a man decked out in yellow don't do well in the city together. Paint is spilled, walls become canvases, and they float off into the sky holding a giant armful of balloons.

Drew Barrymore is the voice of Maggie, the elementary school teacher who has a soft spot for museum buffs. She and Ted have a shy but cute relationship, and George is just happy to have two friends. The rest of the film involves George getting into various scrapes and Ted trying to keep up with him while trying to save the museum.

Is this a film for children? Definitely. It's full of primary colors, animals, and adventures only kids can dream. However, I found this to be one of the most enjoyable movies I've seen in awhile. I laughed at loud at certain parts, and not because it was some inside pop culture joke or was vulgar. I laughed because it was funny; it was the humor that I enjoyed as a kid. I loved the simplicity, and the sweet nature of all the characters. It's not a nauseating kid film, and it pays nice homage to the book's author (the name of the ship in the film is the H.A. Rey).

I encourage all to leave behind the trivialities that tend to suffocate our lives, and spend an hour and a half with this curious monkey and The Man in the Yellow Hat.



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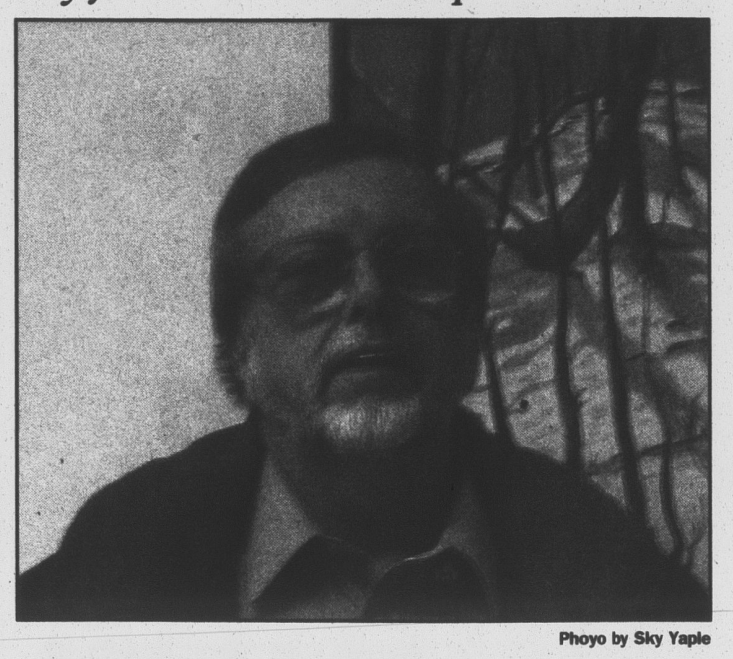
Sherri says monkeying around and wearing hats are totally "in" this week.

Perkins: "Ask questions"

Professor to give faculty forum on scholarship

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Campus writer



Phoyo by Sky Yaple

Dr. Perkins pauses for a moment.

Dr. James Perkins is proof that devoting free time to hobbies and interests can be personally fulfilling.

The full-time English professor, as well as author of twelve books, will speak at Wednesday's faculty forum on "How to be a scholar in your spare time." The forum will be held at 11:45 a.m. in Mueller Theater, located in the McKelvey Campus Center.

Perkins will focus on ways to make scholarship outside of work more interesting and easier to manage. This includes maintaining curiosity and breaking up high-demand tasks into smaller pieces.

"Working on large projects should always involve breaking it up into smaller, more manageable units," Perkins said.

He also stressed the importance of remaining curious by asking questions to obtain more information.

"If you ask more questions, then you are better able to understand the general landscape of the problem you are trying to solve," Perkins said.

Perkins referred to a time when he came across an unpublished article on Robert Penn Warren. Having written three books on the accomplished author of "All the King's Men," the article was a rare find. After further research and questioning, Perkins was able to have the article published officially.

According to Perkins, it is sometimes difficult for people to properly utilize their spare time, especially if they engage in excessive social activity. Perkins usually refrains from being overly social, and dedicated the majority of his time to writing.

"If someone tells me they want to get together with fifty or sixty of their closest friends, I worry," Perkins said.

He also implies that he has not become such an accomplished writer by over sleeping. In fact, Perkins usually only gets three to four hours of sleep each night. Also, when he is stricken with creative ideas for writing, he wakes up to write them down.

Dr. Ross Wastvedt, a friend and co-worker of Perkins, who also works in the English department, commented on how Perkins usually arrives early in the morning. Once he arrives, he is there to put in a full day of work whether for his own scholarly writings or teaching students.

Susan DiFonzo, a student in Dr. Perkins' Public Relations Research class says that his sense of humor always makes class more interesting. In his classes, he likes to provoke students by making them think, but never hesitates to do whatever he can to be sure that students succeed.

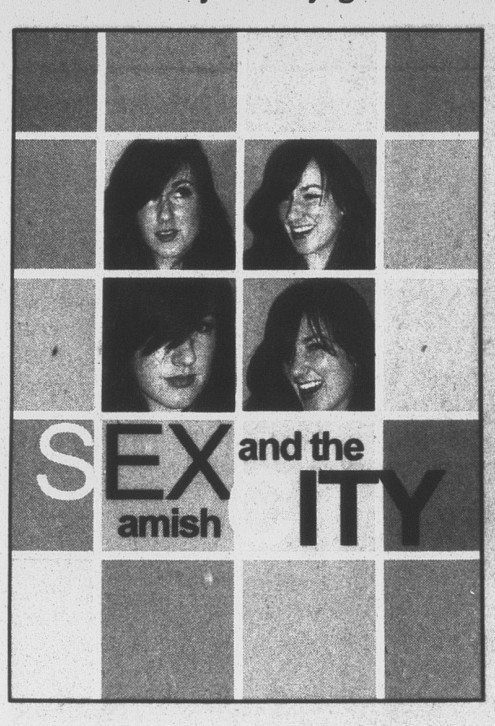
"He [Perkins] has a deep concern for students and their success," Wastvedt said. "He will go out of his way to help them."

Having worked with Perkins for sixteen years, Wastvedt was able to elaborate on his distinct personality.

"Although he sometimes comes across as gruff and short-tempered, once you get to know him, you find that he is thoughtful, sensitive, and kind," Wastvedt said.

It is, perhaps, his cautiously thought-provoking personality that allows Perkins to be such an accomplished teacher and author.

Perkins has been a professor for the college since 1973, and has since written and published twelve books and novels on subjects from Robert Penn Warren to Korean poetry while teaching public relations and English courses.



Laura Zorch is a senior PR and art major that has a house full of cats awaiting her in the near future. But she holds on to a dim hope that being a cat lady is not her destiny. And, she's super fabulous.

Sex & The one horse town

Tuesday night, I sat in my room enjoying a candy bar and watching TBS when it hit me: I'm really, really alone. I was eating snacks out of the vending machine and watching ridiculous television in a dorm room.

That was my Valentine's Day.

It is like the opening of a romantic comedy: girl roams around her residence by herself, looking frumpy, and meandering to the vending machine whilst a violin plays softly in the distance or Elvis croons "Are you lonesome tonight?"

Soon the girl is on some sort of romantic adventure, leaving her lonely ways - and vending machine - for good. The latter half of that did not happen to me. It was just me and my Twix bar for the evening.

Usually I enjoy the holiday regardless of whether or not a Valentine is involved. I find it cute that people buy each other things like stuffed animals holding hearts that read: 'I luv you.' Nothing says 'luv' like a monkey holding a heart. Honestly, I do like Valentine's Day. Mainly I loved it this year because the school sold delicious heart shaped cakes that were what I imagined heaven would taste like if it was baked in the TUB ovens.

I could discuss the baked goods gloriousness that arrived on Tuesday for unreasonable amounts of newspaper space, but I guess I should move on to more important, although less delicious, topics. As I mentioned above, I did have a moment of being very aware of my singleness, temporarily negating any previous feelings of Valentine's joy. I laid out my plan for testing the dating waters in last week's paper, and my journalistic love quest could not come at a better time.

Now in the preparation phase of this investigative journey, (I promise things are going to get good soon... just not this week... ha! Sucks that you have to read this, doesn't it?) I have become perplexed. I have come up with ways to meet people and date, just not on the campus of Westminster.

Number one, I've checked out speed dating in the region. Quite frankly, I think the idea of speed dating is awesome. You are supposed to meet 15 people in one night and then say whether or not you want to see any of them again. Who you are is kept confidential beyond your first name.

This is the ultimate blind date, because if your date makes you wish you were being tied to cinder blocks and thrown in a river, you only need to spend 6 minutes with him and never see him again! Fabulous!

Also, I've looked in to signing up for match.com or some other internet dating website. I don't know about this though. I suppose it is a fine way to meet people, but I can't bring myself to make a profile about me. It's not like I'm selling a couch; I'd be advertising for a date. A little awkward. I might do it for the sake of Holcad-y goodness, but only time will tell.

But alas, I don't know how one would go about dating on the campus of Westminster. I'm pretty sure all 12 guys are taken.

I know a lot of people are single on this campus, Facebook.com told me so. (I checked, it was over 500. And if Facebook says so, it has to be true, right?) So there are 500 people, at least, that are in the same boat as me. Ok, not the same boat, they probably weren't sitting on their futon eating overpriced snacks and watching sitcom reruns on Tuesday night. But maybe they were. Maybe they were.

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Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Box House project to start

By Ben Knauff
Campus writer

Almost all obstructions have been cleared; the Habitat for Humanity's box house project should be underway soon.

The box house, a one-day housing project for hurricane victims in Louisiana, was originally to be built on Nov. 23. It was delayed due to an extensive waiting list for construction projects designated to New Orleans, but with a new target city, the project is now back on track. The house will now be sent to Shreveport, a city near New Orleans.

"A lot of the people who left New Orleans are now relocating to Shreveport," said senior Sarah Milanovich, president of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Though the house is now going to Shreveport, it will serve the same purpose.

"All the money we've collected is still going to hurricane victims, and it's still going to be a house for someone who lost everything," Milanovich said.

With ample money and people to help, the project is now set for an early March date, or early April at the latest. The only thing remaining to impede construction is the absence of a building supervisor.

The Lawrence County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is signed on to help in that regard. Milanovich said that she expected to have a supervisor by the end of last week.

Once one is provided, the supervisor's job will be to go to a lumberyard, which will take the house blueprint and give the cost down to the last nail. As soon as that is accomplished, a specific date will be set.

The house will be built somewhere on campus, depending on the date. Milanovich said they have been talking to Owen Wagner, who is trying to obtain the township shed behind the football field as a building site. Otherwise, it will be built on one of the campus parking lots, where power can be supplied easily.

Though Habitat has some people to help, student volunteers are invited to aid with construction.

"Anyone can come," Milanovich said. "As soon as we have a finalized date, then we'll start putting information out to people on campus."

There is no maximum number of people who can lend a hand, but Habitat needs to know how many people are coming so that they can divide volunteers into groups.

After construction is completed, a trucking company is already signed on to transport the house as their donation to the project. It should reach Shreveport within a week, where it will be combined with three other parts to complete a four-piece building. The framework made here will then be finalized and made livable for hurricane victims with nowhere else to go.

Names of students selected to live in Berlin Village to be announced Feb. 17

By Alysa Wright
Guest writer

Student affairs will announce the names of students who have been accepted to live in the newly built townhouses next year at noon today.

According to Student Affairs, the selections were based on a point system that was agreed upon by Student Affairs, Residence Life and student representatives.

"It was what we thought was the best way to do it without making it too cumbersome," Neal Edmund, dean of Student Affairs said. "It was the best way to make it fair."

"I think it was the fairest way possible," junior applicant Sherri Breitigan said.

"I don't see any other way for it to be done. Everyone has an equal opportunity to have all of the things that they take into consideration."

As opposed to a lottery system, such as the off-campus lottery, this system considers the group's combined cumulative G.P.A., number of semesters on campus and judicial history of the applicants. It was decided upon by looking at what other institutions do, and taking SGA representative's suggestions into consideration. Seniors for the 2006-2007 academic year will be given first preference. In the event of groups having the same number of points, GPA will be the deciding factor.

"The point system being used seems to be a really good idea. I would like to see changes in the way the off-campus lottery and the room selections are done to make them just as fair as the townhouses," junior applicant Ashley Young said. "Maybe it would even be somewhat of an incentive for freshmen to work harder and try not to get in trouble so that they have a better chance of living where they want."

Along with the list that will be posted today, there will also be a waiting list posted in selection order. According to Dean Edman, it is likely that there will be more townhouses built that will allow for more spots in the future, along with some changes in other on campus housing.

"Down the road there will be another phase allowing for another 40 people," Edman said. "It will take three to five years for this to be done, depending on the need. We are also working on turning most of the rooms in Jeffers into singles."

The college is also offering the Thompson House as on-campus housing next year. According to Edman, the rooms there will be chosen in the standard room drawings.

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The Great Slate Debate

First debate in years shows student politics live

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

Banners supporting their respective candidates gazed down on a packed audience in Berlin Lounge last night while students attentively watched the SGA Slate Debates.

Candidates began the night by introducing themselves and their slates.

SGA's Judicial Chair, Jennifer Ramsey, moderated the event prompting a variety of questions from platform ambitions to plans for aiding Westminster activity-groups.

Presidential candidate Matthew Kerns explained why he wishes to "building a stronger community for tomorrow" by improving SGA-student communication and student involvement for the future while presidential candidate Seth McClarery explained his slate's goals for "connecting" with the campus by using his slate to involve student participation in SGA.

One matter Kerns raised were his hopes to inform students of SGA's proceedings by utilizing *The Holcad* to print proceedings from SGA meetings.

One matter McClarey introduced were his slate's strength in offering a team with members whose majors naturally lend themselves to their allotted positions.

The night concluded with attending students asking questions ranging from plans to support the honors program to plans for special events.

Elections will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, Feb. 23. Students can vote either by e-mail or by secret ballot in the Tub.

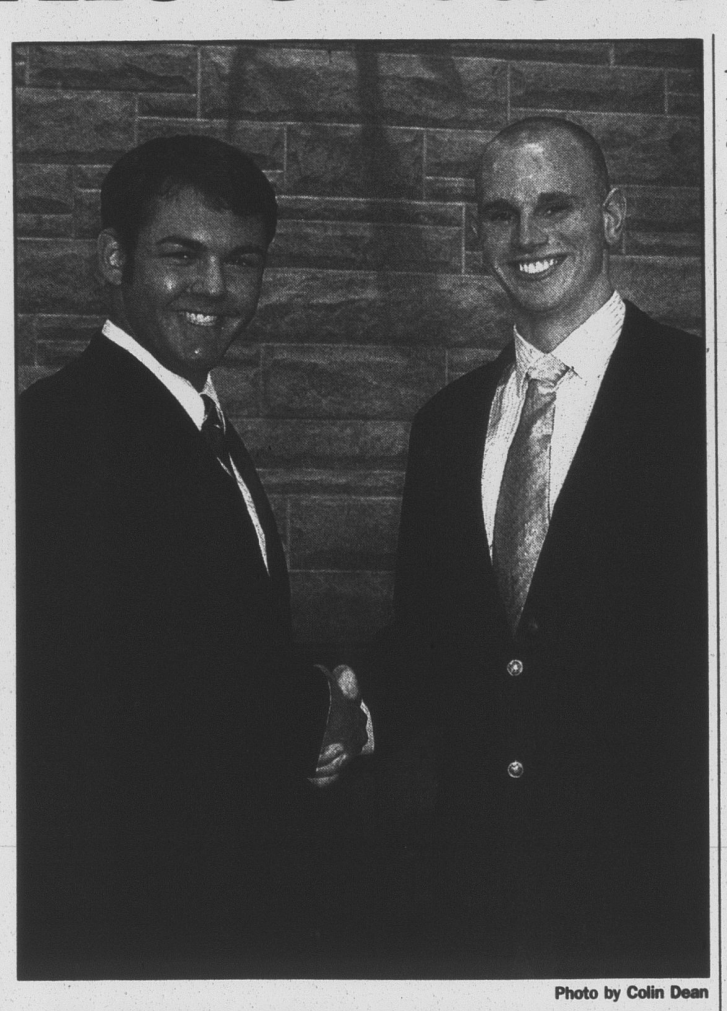

Photo by Colin Dean

SGA presidential candidates Seth McClarey, left, and Matt Kerns shake hands after the debates on Feb. 16. Last night's debates mark the first time that debates have been held since the 2003 elections (Slate Atkins v. Slate Houston). More than 40 people attended the event and asked questions of both slates regarding various topics affecting the student body.

Kerns: Diverse group best to lead student government

By Matt Kerns
SGA presidential candidate

Slate Kerns is a group of highly motivated, campus leaders that are working for the betterment of current and future Westminster students.

Along with the many short term goals in our platform we also have long term goals that will make the Westminster campus community better for all students.

As a slate, Slate Kerns is working to open up SGA to all students. To do this Slate Kerns is going to reach out to other campus groups such as clubs, organizations, Greeks, and sports teams to have a more complete participation in SGA and SGA events. We will also utilize campus publications to promote SGA events and to let students know about the business of the SGA meetings.

Slate Kerns is also supporting diversity on campus buy creating a diversity chair and promoting diversity events on campus.

The library is an important part of the educational growth of students. Slate Kerns will use surplus SGA funds to purchase books to make a more complete and comprehensive library for current and future students.

Slate Kerns will make a more efficient use of student funds so that students can actually see the benefit of the money they spend on their collegiate experience.

As a well rounded, diverse group of campus leaders Slate Kerns is the best slate to lead SGA and the students into a future of organization and productivity.

McClarey: Removing position will reduce confusion

By Seth McClarey
SGA presidential candidate

My vision for the next SGA body is a group of individuals working together to either address problems and concerns about campus, problems and concerns about academics, supply the students with an evening or weekend release from time to time. My public relations chair will have a huge job if elected because that has essentially been the problem in slates past. In order for students to know that they have a place to turn to with campus problems, academics problems and to find out if there is an event going on over the weekend, they need to actually know that there is a group that can answer all of their questions. Essentially the image that I would like to convey would be solid in all aspects.

Also, for as long as I have been a part of SGA (first semester of my first year here), I have witnessed the treasurer and finance chair doing their jobs with the budgets made from our student activities fee that we pay into every semester. While things get done as they should, I do not see it necessary for two people to be in two different positions for the workings of our activities fee, which was my motivation to eliminate the finance chair position. The treasurer will hold informational meetings with the organization leaders on campus to educate them on how to go through auditing efficiently and will give a treasurer's report twice per month to inform the senate of money coming into and leaving the treasury.

I have also redistributed previous side-tasks of the treasurer which had no dealings with the activities fee, giving them to other slate members. By doing this, I put all money workings under one individual. This way, there is no doubt who to contact concerning financial matters from campus organizations and there is no middle man in the event that the wrong person was contacted initially. To put it simply, it streamlines the slate. With the redistribution of tasks, this keeps the other members of the slate more task-oriented, having more purposeful, productive office hours and more qualitative reports at meetings.

As the current vice president, I am excited to see how different ideas will play out if elected as the next president of SGA. I have been witness to the workings of the past three slates in SGA and I am confident that this exposure is more than enough to prepare my slate, if elected, for a great year in SGA.

SLATE KERNS PLATFORM

"Building a Stronger Community for Tomorrow"

President (Candidate Matthew Kerns)
- Make SGA more accessible and transparent to all students.
- Foster a campus and community relationship though campus events.
- Use SGA funds in a more efficient and useful manner to the benefit of all students.
- Create a Student Forum modeled off of the Faculty Forum where students can present their work and get feedback from others.
- Donate surplus funds from the SGA budget to buy books for the library.
- Inform campus of ideas discussed at Board of Trustee Meetings.
- Serve as the official representative of the SGA to the Board of Trustees, the college administration, the faculty, the college community, and the public.
- Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all SGA committees.

Vice Presidential (Candidate Ryan Trunk)
- Oversee the creation of an SGA Diversity chair, who would work with the Diversity Office to promote campus-wide speakers and workshops on diversity.
- Require Senators to bring a friend to an SGA meeting once a semester to encourage campus-wide participation.
- Oversee, plan, and coordinate the annual VolleyRock event.

Secretary (Candidate Adam Leech)
- Update the website by creating a place where every student organization is listed with a description.
- Email all SGA minutes after every meeting to the entire campus.
- Create an SGA folder for the entire campus so that they can put ideas into it from their computer.
- Work to keep website updated.
- Take pictures during SGA sponsored events to post on our website.

Treasurer (Candidate Sherri Breitigan)
- Redistribute funds (focusing on Plant Fund).
- Update Senate weekly on spending of the various chairs.
- Hold seminar for chairs on how to maintain a budget.

Financial Chair (Candidate Akesha N. Joseph)
- Continue to work with area businesses to provide Titan Card swipers within the community
- Review current guidelines and procedures for finance committee
- Audit SGA
- Be responsible for allocations of SGA funds for organizations and auditing those organizations

Public Relations (Candidate Stephanie Martin)
- Contribute monthly articles to local newspapers about SGA events.
- Work closely with Titan Radio, The County Line, the seasonal alumni magazine and *The Holcad* to advertise SGA events.
- Ensure weekly Holcad articles are written so student body knows SGA undertakings.
- Create more publicity for SGA screen name on AOL Instant Messenger for students to send comments/questions.
- Create a direct link to the SGA website under the Student Services tab on the main page of the Westminster College website.
- Post list of senators that live in each dormitory and publish complete list of senators so student body knows who they are.
- Use Facebook as a means of announcing SGA events.
- Generate more PR during Fresh Start to inform incoming students of the purpose of SGA including new activity to replace Singled Out.
- Form relationships with other PR groups for efficiency.
- Mail SGA Information to upcoming first year/transfer students and student organizations.

Judicial Chair (Candidate Kial Vidic)
- Look into creating a student travel board.
- Establish effective "Time of the Month" sessions.
- Create a Student Bill of Rights.
- Continue working with the Physical Plant to get more trash cans around campus.
- Continue meeting with food advisory committee and Jeff Creveling.
- Continue to handle all non-academic issues concerning the student body.
- Attend New Wilmington borough meetings on monthly basis.

Special Events (Candidate Ashley Carnahan)
- Orchestrate a shopping/iceskating trip to Pittsburgh around the holidays .
- Organize a bussing system to transport students to various locations each month: (The Waterfront, Downtown Pittsburgh, Station Square, Pittsburgh Mills, Funny Bone Comedy Club, etc.)
- Plan several sporting events throughout the year (Pittsburgh/Ohio college and professional teams).
- Orchestrate a winter tubing/boarding/skiing trip.
- In addition to Phantom Fright Night, plan a Kennywood trip in late spring.
- Work closely with other campus organizations for both weekday and weekend on and off campus activities.
- Orchestrate SGA events at Westminster sporting events such as hot dog eating and ice cream sundae making contests.

Academics Chair (Candidate Lee Scott)
- Hold student representatives accountable for reporting to Standing Faculty Committees, Councils and Boards and create a document streamlining the reporting of events at said committees.
- Press for greater recognition of the College Honors Program in order to encourage students to elect Honors.
- Provide a more visible SGA presence throughout finals week as a service to the students.
- Have coffee or other refreshments available every night in the tub throughout finals week.
- Publicize and attract attention to academics on campus such as the Henderson Lecture and Christy Lecture and other events bringing in academic achievement such as departmental colloquiums and create a calendar outlining these opportunities.
- Work to lengthen Library hours with goals of an additional hour at night each week, three more hours on Saturday, and an earlier opening on Sundays.
- Hold elections for the student representative positions on Standing Faculty Committees, Councils, and Boards.
- Orchestrate College Bowl.

SLATE MCCLAREY PLATFORM

"Connect"

President Candidate: Seth W. McClarey
- Inform campus of ideas and issues discussed at Senate meetings
- Streamline the slate incorporating former Finance Chair duties under Treasurer
- Ensure Public Relations chair is utilized by the slate and senate to create an overall image for SGA
- Continue to encourage participation in the Student Satisfaction Survey
- Accept nominations of organizations for Student Organization of the Month
- Inform senate and campus of ideas discussed at Board of Trustee Meetings

Vice-president Candidate: Allison Chlebowski
- Recognize SGA Senator of the month
- Organize Volley Rock
- Organize Fall Fest so that it includes:
- Dodge Ball Tournament
- Games and Prizes (Frisbee and all campus Capture the Flag/Release)
- Thanksgiving-style dinner to conclude
- Create class chairs from within the Senate
- Oversee the Standing Committees on our Slate

Secretary Candidate: Brett Turk
- Manage the Student Organization suite
- Take roll and tally votes during senate meetings
- Take minutes of senate meetings and post to the shared folder upon adjourning
- Keep website updated with weekly minute postings and pictures taken at SGA-sponsored events
- Establish and incorporate a point system that governs senators' attendance at SGA-sponsored events and to ensure they fulfill other expected duties
- Perform all other duties normally assigned to the secretary

Treasurer Candidate: Brittany Mente
- Prepare and present bimonthly up-to-date treasury reports to the Senate
- Create a mandatory guideline for student organizations to follow during audits
- Assemble finance meetings with presidents and treasurers of all student organizations receiving funding from the SGA prior to auditing
- Hold a pre-auditing meeting with the finance committee to review guidelines for auditing
- Assess and authorize all contracts pertaining to the SGA
- Manage all financial transactions of SGA in accordance with the procedures stated in the Treasurer's manual
- Keep an up-to-date, weekly record of the accounts and expenses of SGA
- Audit SGA
- Train the Finance Committee on auditing procedure
- Organize and carry out annual audits of all student organizations who receive funding from SGA

Academics Chair Candidate: Steve Ruperto
- Develop relations between Student Government Association and the faculty, their respective departments, and committee members
- Handle any concerns the student body may have regarding academics
- Arrange and conduct elections for the student representative positions in the faculty committees, councils, and boards via campus email
- Request that students on committees give a thorough report of what was discussed at their meeting
- Continue to organize "Who's Who"
- Continue to organize the annual College Bowl

Judicial Chair Candidate: Carsen Nesbitt
Post student concerns and how SGA plans to address them on the SGA website
- Improve student awareness of SGA slate and senator elections and procedures
- Train parliamentarian on Robert's Rules of Order
- Improve use of Robert's Rules of Order in senate meetings
- Re-implement monthly session for student complaints, suggestions, and comments known as "Time of the Month"
- Continue attendance of monthly borough meetings
- Continue addressing on-campus parking issues
- Address any non-academic student concerns
- Organize and oversee new senator and new executive board elections
- Continue use of Campaign Guidelines for Slate Elections
- Continue communication with Jeff Creveling and the Food Advisory Committee
- Handle all matters regarding the Constitution and By-laws

Public Relations Chair Candidate: Natalie Coccia
- Revise SGA's event during Fresh Start
- Increase campus awareness of SGA elections and vacancies within the senate
- Attend SGA display case regularly
- Develop a more professional look for SGA
- Employ duplicating for SGA printing needs
- Expand the Toilet Paper for more thorough coverage of campus activities and events
- Publicize SGA Days and increase participation of student concerns during the event
- Increase usage of the SGA AOL Instant Messenger screen name
- Continue weekly Holcad articles
- Assume responsibility for all publicity for the SGA and other duties assigned

Special Events Chair Candidate: Callie Croushore
- Plan an SGA-sponsored event every month
- Poll students to plan favorite activities
- Plan activity in February for Valentine's Day
- Plan an early trip to Cedar Point in the new school year
- Organize evening trips to regional hot spots
- Organize a weekend trip to NYC or other destination
- Organize events to keep students on campus on weekends
- Hold annual SGA Christmas Party
- Organize a trip to Kennywood's Phantom Fright Nights
- Plan on- and off-campus events for students

Editor's Note: These platforms have been edited from their originals for space. The main points of each platform have been left in place. For a complete platform, please contact the head of either slate or Student Affairs.

Calendar

February 17, 2006

30-Hour Famine (Proceeds to World Vision)

Board of Trustees Meetings

SGA Sweethearts Dance – Chestnut Street Cafe in Sharon

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Symphonic Band Concert – Orr Auditorium

February 18, 2006

Board of Trustees Meetings

Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field at Kent State Tune-up Invitational

30-Hour Famine (Proceeds to World Vision)

Night Owl Bowling (Van leaves front of McKelvey at 10:30 p.m.)

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

10:00 AM Men's and Women's Swimming at Case Western Reserve Veale Classic

2:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)

4:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)

6:00 PM Black History Month Concert – Orr Auditorium

February 19, 2006

4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt – Mugsies

February 20, 2006

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 21, 2006

Men's Basketball PAC Tournament

Women's Basketball PAC Tournament

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM SGA Election – MCC TUB

12:30 PM Single Room Drawing – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM SGA Election – MCC TUB

5:30 PM Praise Band – Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:30 PM Seniors Only Dine 'n' Shine – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:00 PM Guest Speaker: Ebony Washington, POetLITICAL – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 22, 2006

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course Held First Half of Semester

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM SGA Election – MCC TUB

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Alan Gittis, "The Cost/Benefits of Neuroeconomics: Theory and Reality" – MCC Mueller Theater

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM SGA Election – MCC TUB

5:00 PM - 9:30 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

7:00 PM Career Center's Corporate Info Session: NVR/Ryan Homes – Thompson Clark 210

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Career Center Corporate Info Session: NVR/Ryan Homes – 210 Thompson-Clark

February 23, 2006

Men's Basketball PAC Tournament

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM SGA Election – MCC TUB

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Blood Drive – MCC Club/Lounge

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM SGA Election – MCC TUB

7:00 PM Peace Studies Speaker – MCC Witherspoon

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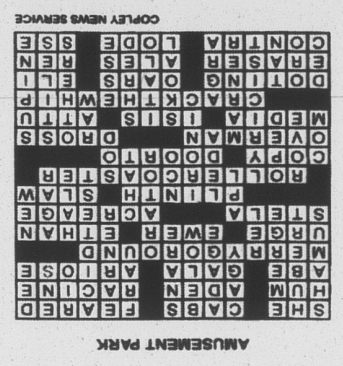

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This would be a great time to let go of the old and make room for new personal growth or direction. Think of yourself as a brave and courageous pioneer.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your intuitive or creative abilities will enter a new dimension this week. Take time to document the fleeting thoughts, ideas and feelings that will flow through your body.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Avoid indulging in group activities that may be financially out of your reach. Do your best to stick to your budget and to make entertainment choices that are within your means.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Take giant steps in developing key relationships in the business world. Connect with individuals who are in position to assist you in achieving your goals.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You are exposed to an abundance of information. Keep an open mind and carefully consider the different viewpoints, beliefs or philosophies you will encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): A strong sense of passion and purpose will drive you forward this week. Get behind a project or assignment and pour all your energy into making it happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You are attracted to a very intense and strong-willed partner or mate. Initiate conversation with a probing question and make your presence known.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Work, health or routine matters will demand your attention. Strive to get organized, schedule appointments and to complete important tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Take advantage of an opportunity to explore new social options. Follow up with an interesting idea or unique invitation made by a recent acquaintance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your values are centered on personal needs. Look to gain great satisfaction from sharing special moments with loved ones and family members.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Tunnel vision best describes your mental outlook this week. Do your best to see through the darkness and focus on the light beyond.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You are tempted to throw caution to the wind when it comes to personal spending. Do not lose sight of your budget or do something that you might regret.

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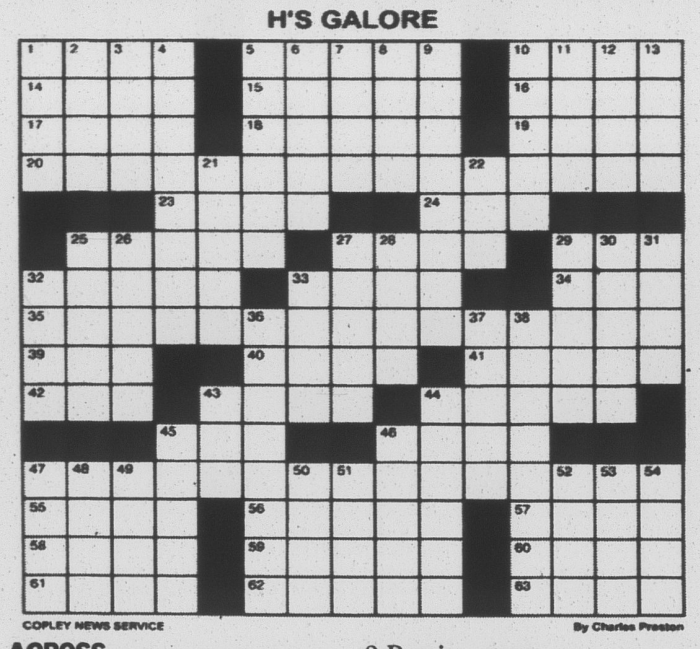

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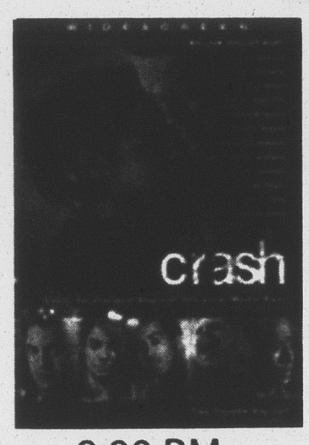

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00 PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

FRIDAY!
30 Hour Famine
6:00 PM
Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
10:30 PM
Meet in front of MCC
Cost $2/ WC Student
Only ONE Van, First Come, First Ride

LATE NIGHT
MON, TUES, & THUR 10 PM to 1 AM @ the Club Room

COMING SOON....

Feb. 24	Mid Winter Jazz Concert		
Mar. 3-5	Lil Sib's Weekend	Mar. 25	Alpha Psi Omega One Acts
Mar. 3	Titan Tavern	Apr. 8	Relay for Life
Mar. 4	Night Owl Bowling	Apr. 29	Sing n Swing
Mar. 25	Night Owl Bowling	May 6	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

New York City: Worth the Wait

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Monday, February 13th marked a momentous occasion. The coveted New York tickets sold by the Student Government Association were up for grabs. Nicole Udanis, SGA president, had so much success with the NY trip last year, she decided to give it a go again this year. And for that, I applaud her.

"Last year we were only able to take about a quarter of the people who were interested and wanted to go," Nicole said. "This year we are taking two buses so more students have the opportunity."

Some students started camping outside of the SGA office as early as noon, despite the fact that the tickets didn't go on sale until 3:00 p.m. I, along with my aspiring New York companion, Lauren Scheller, decided to join the line at 2. Luckily, we got tickets. Some of the other students behind us were not so lucky.

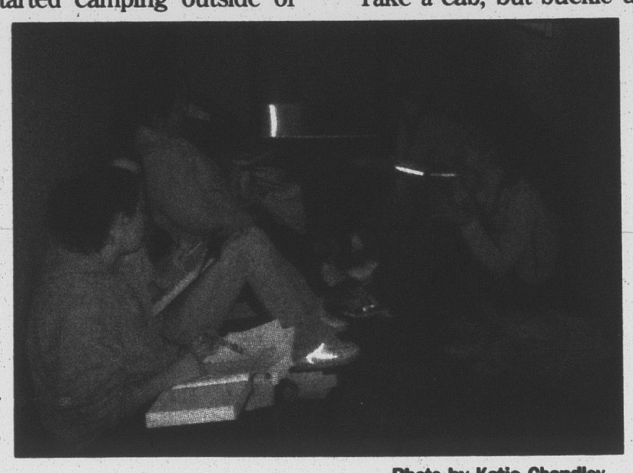

Photo by Katie Chandley

This year, the trip is taking 108 students from the Amish paradise of New Wilmington to the night life of the big apple, quite the contrast. I am excited about this trip, as I have only ever been in NYC for a small amount of time, just two hours actually.

Those two hours were the most tempting hours of my life. The hustle and bustle of city life called to me, and when I saw the lovely SGA posters announcing the trip, I knew I had to return.

Although I've only spent a small amount of time in New York, I feel like I have been there often. My nightly fix of HBO's *Sex and the City* (Laura Zorch knows what I'm talking about) has shown me the ins and outs of NYC. So below I have compiled a miniature list of some tidbits one should know when trekking to the Manhattan area in the next few weeks.

*Dress in style- Don't wear a pair of overalls and a paisley print jacket from Target. You'll stick out like a sore thumb. Avoid wearing a scrunchie in your hair at all times. Stick with dark blue jeans, comfortable yet stylish shoes, and a cute top and coat. Oh, and don't forget those sunglasses.

*Shop 'til you drop- Make sure you take lots of cash with you. You'll definitely want to shop. Think Prada, Tiffany's, let your mind wander even if your budget can't. Try to steer clear of all those knock-off products, not only are they bad for the economy, but many times that money goes to support terrorist groups.

*Take a cab, but buckle up- Go with someone who has an idea of where things are in NYC. It's a big place and it's easy to get lost. Don't let the cab driver know you're from out of town, or you could drive around for a long time and get ripped off in the process (it happened to me unfortunately.)

*Avoid strangers- It sounds so simple, but even Kevin from Home Alone 2 didn't always listen, and he was only 10. Stay with your group and have a meeting place in case you accidentally wander off to Manolo Blahnix while everyone else is browsing at H & M.

*Don't expect the dollar menu- Chains like McDonald's exist, but the prices aren't the same. If you're looking to eat for less, try a few pizza slices from a street vendor or a corn dog, hmmm, yummy.

Finally, as you take in the sights and sounds of New York City, I'm sure by the end of the trip you'll be thinking, *one weekend just wasn't enough.*

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She dreams of living in a fancy New York apartment someday and being best friends with Carrie Bradshaw and company. Look for her journals from NYC shortly.

Question of the Week

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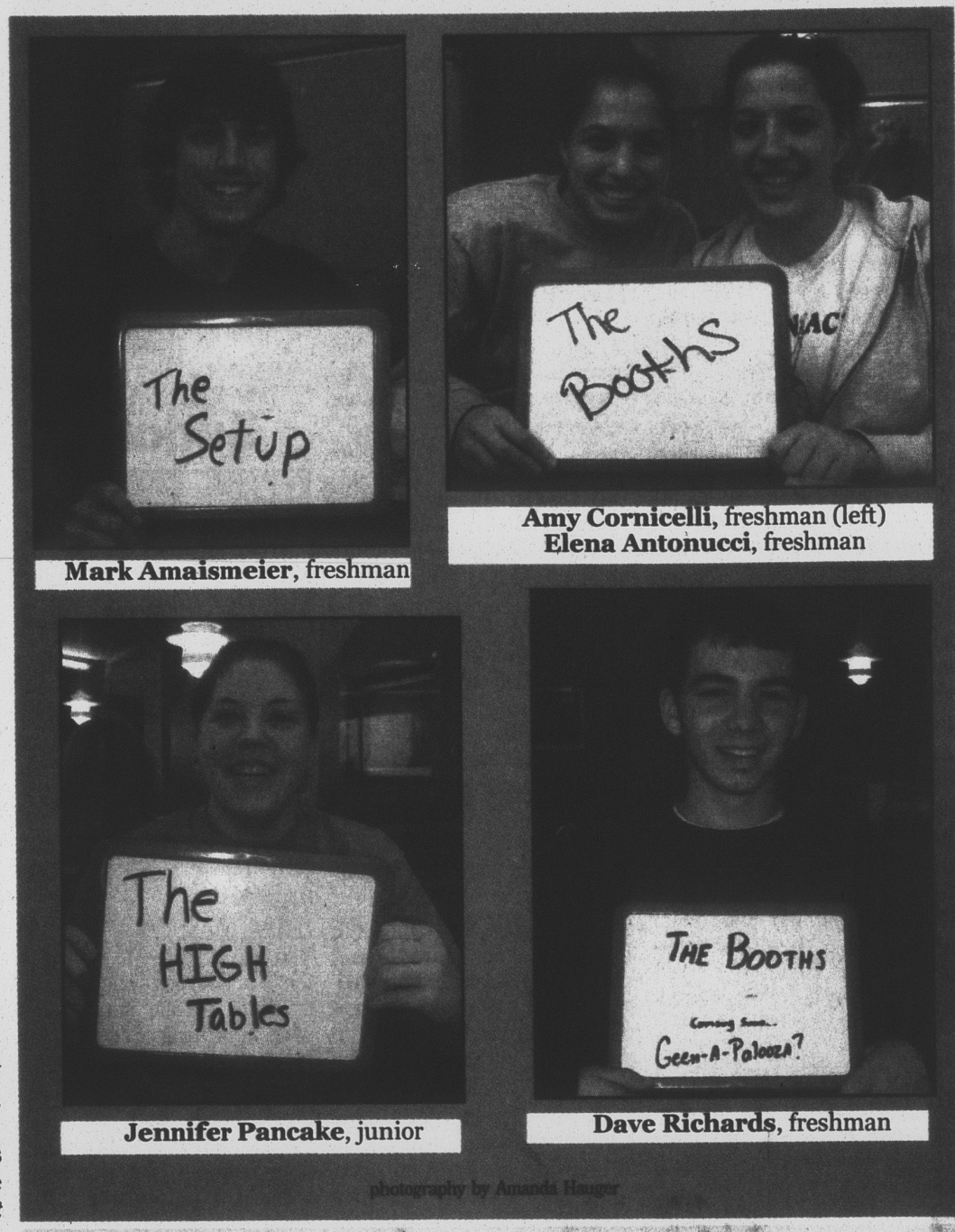

Mark Amaismeier, freshman

Amy Cornicelli, freshman (left)
Elena Antonucci, freshman

Jennifer Pancake, junior

Dave Richards, freshman

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Looking for a good read?

Natalie tells us The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

MTV not only has its own TV shows, movie productions, and clothing line, but it also publishes books. MTV joined forces with Pocket Books in 2004 to feature a series of novelists for the young and hip. I did not realize this until a cousin of mine suggested *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* as a good read.

I bought the book last spring semester and read the entire thing overnight in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh. As the janitor started vacuuming the carpet under my feet that morning, I had just finished up the last page with the words, "Love always, Charlie."

The book was written in diary entries of a young fictional boy named Charlie. The journal entries span one year and take you through the life of an outcast high school teen. It's not your typical teeny-bopper story, though. Charlie is a complex individual who leads you into a life of sex, drugs, and the Rocky Horror Picture Show in the early 90's.

Charlie never tells the reader his location or to whom he is writing. This is partly why the book is so interesting. Certain elements lead the reader to believe he is from the Pittsburgh area. He mentions Forbes Avenue and the tunnel leading into the city that gives you a picturesque view of tall buildings. Also, it doesn't help that the author of the book himself is from Pittsburgh.

The author, Stephen Chbosky, grew up in Pittsburgh, but graduated from the University of Southern California's Filmic Writing Program. In 1995, his first film won Best Narrative Feature honors at the Chicago Underground Film Festival. He currently lives in New York, and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is his first book.

After reading my first MTV book, I had to search for more. They are not hard to locate in the book store because of their small size and interesting photography featured on their covers by Jason Stang. The next book I selected was *Pieces* and is a collection of short stories by unknown writers. Pieces was edited by Stephen Chbosky, and I knew if he approved, so would I.

Photo by Natalie Coccia

The authors of the fifteen short stories were selected by winning MTV's "Write Stuff" competition. The stories all have a unique, bold and raw flavor that draws the reader into different realms of fiction. *Pinball* by Jason Rekulak takes you into the hidden sex life of a young mall clerk. *Mother* by Aisha Gayle will have you crying on the first page as a daughter tells the story of a woman's illness through her eyes. *Roam* by Kathleen Hughes takes you on the emotional road after divorce and a job change.

The size, photography, colors and content of the MTV pocket books will forever keep me addicted to their novels. As a matter of fact, I just picked up *Don't Sleep with your Drummer* by Jen Sincero - and don't worry, I will let you know how I rate it.

Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

Q & A with one lucky junior

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a future California girl

Contributed Photo

Kirstan Gides, a junior broadcast communications major, theater minor, is someone who knows how to go after what she wants. Her dream of living in California and pursuing a career as a casting director is about to come true.

Since the age of 4, Kirstan has pursued acting. She has entered numerous talent searches and taken many classes with casting directors. Her first big break came at age 15 when she earned an assistant casting director credit for the independent film "Out of the Black."

At 17 she assisted with the casting of another independent film called "Speilburgh." This movie went on to the New York Film Festival and won. At 18, she appeared in a made-for- TV movie, "Mary and Joe," where she played the role of a pregnant teenager. It airs every Christmas.

Other accolades include making promos for GMC, serving as an extra in the independent film "Graduation" out this May, and participating in fashion shows for Wal-Mart and Pepsi.

She even has an audition in two weeks for a role in a TV pilot. Throughout the years, Kirstan has kept in contact with many of the 30 different casting directors and agents she has met. She continues to work for a casting agency, Aquarian Associates, and will be on the road during March doing open casting calls at State College as well as WVU. Kirstan says the key to being a good casting director means looking out for something special.

"You have to have an eye for talent," she said. "You have to be able to tell who would work well together in terms of chemistry, and who can seem real to the audience."

Living in California has been Kirstan's dream since she was 13. She planned on moving out there after graduation on her own, but it just so happens that now her family will beat her to the chase. Her parents are moving to California this March (they'll be just 10 minutes from Malibu Beach).

One of the reasons for the move to warmer weather is the fact that Kirstan's father, a former smoker of 39 years, suffered from emphysema and has a hard time breathing in cold winter weather.

"I think it's the worst habit (smoking) you can have," Kirstan said. "People don't realize it's killing them, they just think they'll quit after school, that's exactly what my dad thought and he couldn't quit."

Kirstan's advice to all smokers: "Quit now while you can. Save yourself the time and energy because it's not going to be fair to anyone who loves you," she said.

Kirstan's father spent four months in the hospital just two years ago, much of the time relying on life support. The experience has made her appreciate what she has.

"I've learned you have to make every day, every minute worth it. You have to take advantage of every single opportunity you get," she said.

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Kirstan Gides

Once in California, Kirstan plans on pursuing casting director positions and possibly acting opportunities as well. She'd like to be the next Jay Leno or Oprah Winfrey.

For now, Kirstan will stay involved in her campus activities, which include SWAT, Theater Westminster, Titan Radio, Alpha Gamma Delta and The County Line. She is adamant that everyone continues to pursue their passion.

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Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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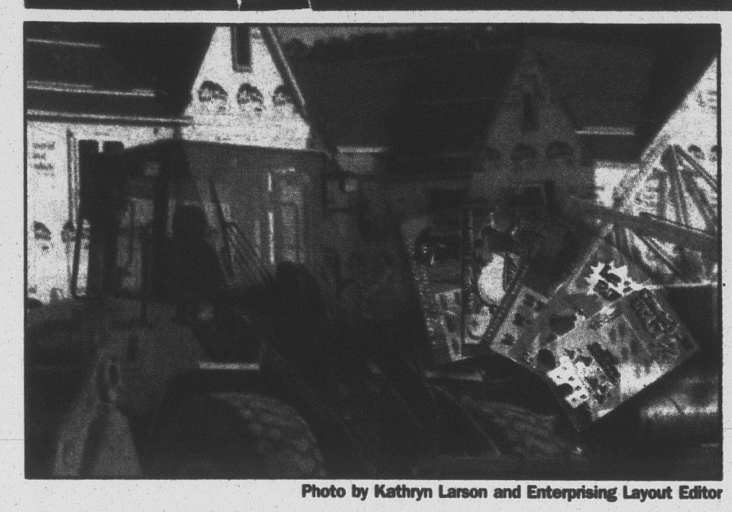

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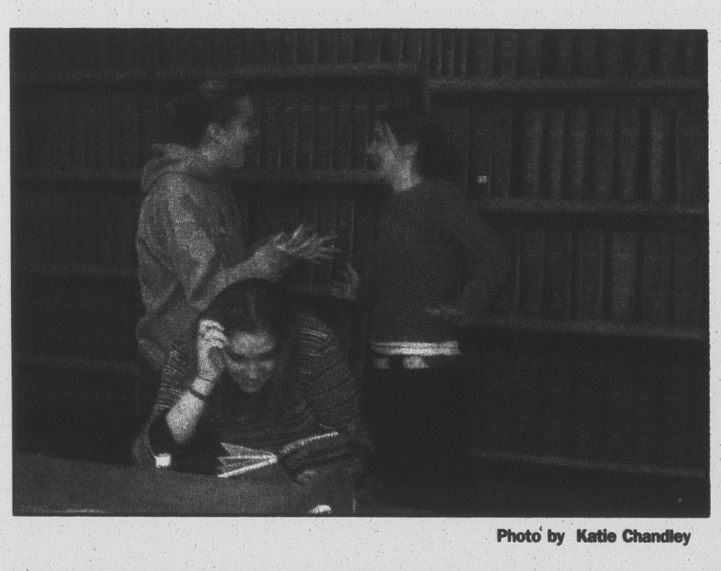

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Cursing on campus

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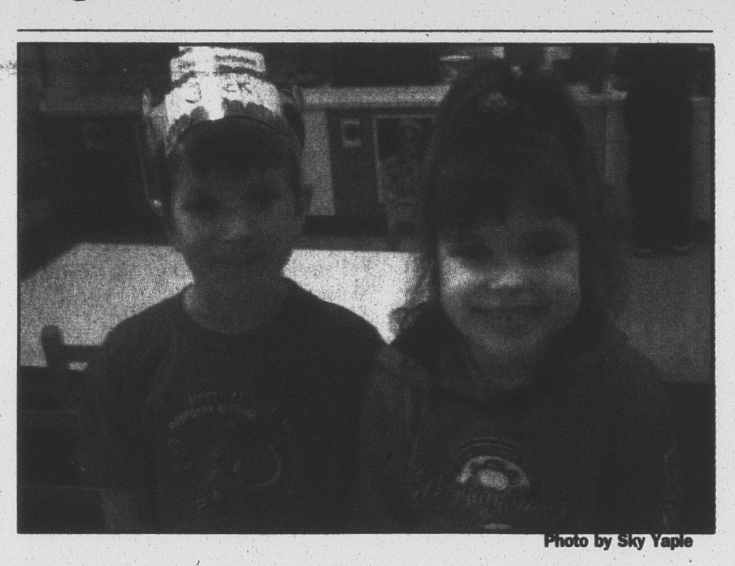

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Naptime's *still* a good thing

Easier to be a WC pre-schooler or a college student? Page A- 6

Campus statistic of the week

Willing blood donors*

95

*Note: Not all willing are actually able to donate

Source: Student Affairs

Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®

Friday: Much colder with morning rain, 30/13
Saturday: Some sun with flurries, 22/10
Sunday: Cold with partial sunshine, 25/9

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Global Warming

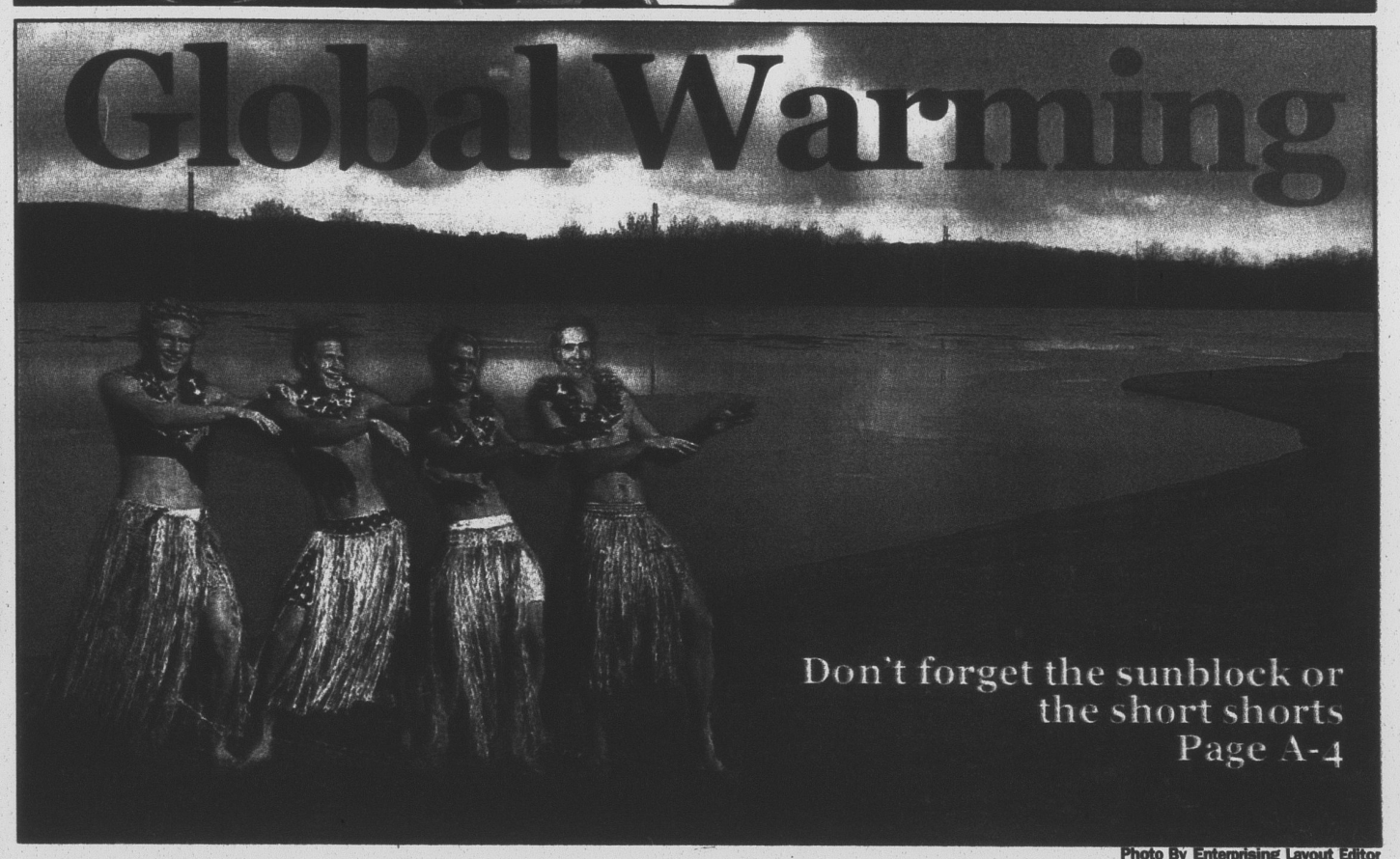


Photo By Enterprising Layout Editor

Hula dancers, featuring a special Student Affairs guest, enjoy another 60 degree February day thanks to Global Warming

Visits up, applications down

By Leanne Veres
Campus writer

Normally, a campus visit is a very strong sign of interest, and usually, that results in an application. So, we're in a little bit of an unusual year in that respect.

Doug Swartz, Dean of Admissions

The college is experiencing some highs and lows this year. Campus visitation numbers are on the rise, but application numbers have decreased in 2006.

Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz compared this year's numbers to last year's. 981 prospective students have applied so far this year, but 1,109 applied one year ago. Swartz is not concerned with this year's lower application number yet – largely because of the increase in campus visitations.

"Normally, a campus visit is a very strong sign of interest, and usually, that results in an application," Swartz said. "So, we're in a little bit of an unusual year in that respect."

To determine whether this could be a trend, the Princeton Review's Director of Public Relations Harriet Brand looked at application statistics from a nationwide stance.

"It looks like [overall] applications are up, not down," Brand said.

Statistics from the past two years show that applications increased at an average rate of 250,000 per year, according to officials at the Princeton Review.

Senior Associate Director of Admissions Brad Tokar suggested a method of technology that is raising the number of applications at many schools.

"A lot of that is attributed to the online applications," Tokar said. "It makes it very easy for the student to apply online than with a common application."

However, online applications here come with a small price tag. The 35 dollar admission fee is required for every application – even those completed on the Internet. The fee is waived if the applicant comes to visit the college. Tuition costs could play a factor in the decrease of applications, as well.

"I think financial aid is a big issue, and often times the sticker price of a college can scare a lot of people away from even applying," Tokar said.

Swartz said that the criterion for admissions hasn't changed, and there are no plans to change it anytime soon despite the lower numbers. He is not sure exactly why application numbers are down, but he hopes they will rise in the near future.

"We don't really know right now, is the answer," Swartz said. "Right now, we're speculating that some students are just late; we may not know until this entire year's over."

Swartz said that the college is currently on rolling admissions, which means that they enroll until a class is full. That usually ends around May 1.

Although that's still a couple months away, Tokar does not expect admission numbers to catch up to where they were last year.

"I wouldn't call it drastic, or a crisis," Tokar said. "We're probably going to be somewhat behind where we were last year in terms of numbers. And that fluctuates from year to year."

SGA Slate 2006: Kerns

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

At 7:56 p.m. Thursday, February 23, Matthew Kerns received a phone call from the ballot authorities congratulating him—Westminster's newest SGA president.

Preceding the election announcements, students entered and exited Kerns' room almost each minute to see whether Kerns received the results.

"I'm excited, confident and nervous," explained Kerns at 7:02 on Thursday evening as he sat in the computer's illumination, listening to Johnny Cash, eagerly awaiting the election results.

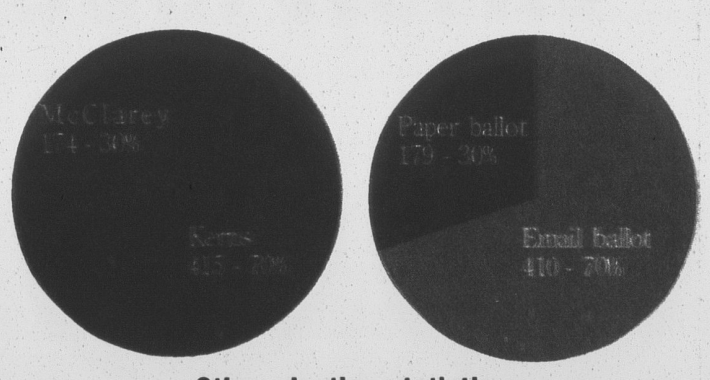
70 percent of the 589 students who voted cast their ballot for Slate Kerns.

This weekend Kerns and his slate will undergo training for his position at 8AM Saturday morning.

This Wednesday Slate Kerns will shadow the outgoing slate at the next SGA meeting to ensure an efficient transition between administrations.

"I saw first hand how hard the slate worked to prepare for this election," explained Junior Patrick Smith, roommate to President Kerns and Vice-President Ryan Trunk. "I'm confident that they will continue their hard work throughout their administration."

"First off, I could not ask for a better slate to run against," explained a very humble Kerns. "I'm very excited about the future of SGA, and I cannot wait to begin working with students and administration to make Westminster College a better place for all of us."



Other election statistics:
589 ballots cast total
503 ballots cast Wednesday, Feb. 22.
373 through email
86 ballots cast Thursday, Feb. 23.
37 through email
5 bad ballots cast
1 email
4 paper

The last time that there were two slates running for the position (2003, Slate Atkins v. Slate Houston), only 500 votes were cast.

opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

I hurt myself thinking of a rant and rave.

You get $2 for every $1.95 I make.

I'ma pickle-holic.

Late night rocks my socks!

Dr. Phil...an hour of relaxation... Oooh, then Oprah.

I have no clean underwear!

Am I the only one who watches Judging Amy during my lunch hour?

Lord have mercy! How'd she even get those britches on?

How many hours per day do you stalk people on Facebook anyways?

Smoking of any kind is definately NOT cool.

It's that Honkytonk Badonkadonk!

Will you marry me?
Love,
Yours Truely

Oh no...I'm graduating soon! Ahh!

I got my very first college 100 percent.

Chalking is stupid. I want to see more skywriting.

Does Staples have an easy button for TitanNET?

I'm glad someone died on Grey's Anatomy!

I found a strange hair in my belgian waffle.

Stop lagging my legitimate games with your illegal downloading!

Click of death! CLICK OF DEATH!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Forum for your thoughts

Once a month, the editorial staff invites a member of the campus community to share his or her own experiences involving the college's traditions as another vehicle for perceptive discourse on this leading liberal arts campus. This week, Dean Neal Edman speaks about a controversial student affairs stance regarding one favorite student past-time: Facebook.

Dean Edman addresses Facebook concerns

I am writing to clarify the Division of Student Affairs' position with regard to the use of Facebook.com and MySpace.com. More importantly, I want to address rumors that have been mentioned to me in this regard. The rumors I have heard so far have been: (1) the administration is logging in under a student's account to "police" the content of the entries, (2) the administration is deleting or forcing students to delete content (e.g., photos of students drinking), and (3) the administration wants to shut down access to Facebook. In short, students believe their "freedom of speech" is being violated.

With this said, allow me to share some thoughts. I really don't know who the "administration" is, so I'm going to refer only to the Division of Student Affairs in what follows. I would imagine that other departments may have their own policies and/or procedures in this regard. The best I can offer is that students speak directly with department heads for further information.

Rest assured no one in the Student Affairs Division is logging into those sites under students' accounts. I have my own Facebook.com account and am in the mix. I rarely use it, but I'm there. As most users know, anyone can log onto those sites by using their own password and username. It's open to the public. Thus, there would never be a need to use anyone else's account. Not to mention, it's a violation of our own policy and certainly one's trust.

Has the College removed or required students to remove information or graphics from MySpace or Facebook.com? I believe that some rumors may have arisen when a few weeks ago sorority members heard from our office that they should not post photos or other information on those sites that show clear violations of College or National Panhellenic policies. It had come to our attention that such photos were present on a Westminster sorority Bid Day Activity posting. Hence the recommendation that the photos be removed from the site. In other words, if you put it out there... Another example: If a student posts a photo showing him/her hoisting a full beer bong in a residence hall room on campus, the College reserves the right to take judicial action. That's a clear violation of college policy. It would be difficult, if not imprudent, to ignore that posting. Again, however, Student Affairs is not deleting or forcing students to delete the contents of their sites.

It is important to recognize that posting this sort of information can be viewed by far more than just the folks at the College. In fact, our Career Center staff reminds all students that whatever one posts can be viewed by prospective employers, internship hosts, student teacher sites, and the like, anywhere, any time...and they do. It's not uncommon for these individuals to do a Google search on you, or visit your Facebook entry. In short, be cautious. This, of course, extends to posting personally identifiable information. Cyber stalking has become a cottage industry, I'm afraid.

Last, Student Affairs would not and could not shut down Facebook.com or MySpace.com. Nor do we police the sites. Our days are way too frenetic to have the time or inclination to do that. In fact, it's quite the opposite. We have been working with student groups to make the most of those sites. They are terrific forums for communicating with students about programming activities, sharing ideas, identifying students and groups having similar interests, etc. We are trying to capitalize on the sites' virtues rather than focusing on the their drawbacks.

All in all, this is a dicey issue. Institutions across the nation are scrambling to respond to this new medium. Some take immediate disciplinary action, some are sitting by the sidelines until the legal dust settles. We are reviewing our policies and procedures with an eye towards ensuring students' freedom of speech, while also providing a modicum of security and vigilance. The Student Life and Athletic Council at its next meeting will also be addressing this issue at length.

I hope this helps to clarify our position and response. Feel free to write or stop by the Office of Student Affairs to share your thoughts.

Neal Edman
Dean of Student Affairs

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How guys do laundry

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

I had to do math for this article. As an English major, I dislike doing any kind of activities that involve numbers. I feel like math is the exact opposite of my major. Not only that, but I feel as though the numbers are vaguely mocking me.

But that's a bit of a tangent. I learned last week about Galbreath's laundry room being locked down, and I was hit with a little bout of amazement. Heck, scratch that. A big bout of amazement.

Eichenauer is full of guys. Stereotypically, we're supposed to be worse than women about each other's possessions.

Why then aren't we having problems with laundry, aside from the frequent broken washers and dryers? Why are women having a harder time with laundry than guys? In short, what the heck is going on in that building? If it's not sewage problems, it's laundry theft.

Eichenauer has six separate halls, three on the north wing and three on the south wing. Each hall holds approximately 40 people. Add them all up, and you get a grand total of 240 guys living in the building. See? Math.

There are two laundry rooms in Eich. At this point in the semester, I think it's safe to say that if you want to do laundry, two washers or two dryers will be broken. I'd say it's safe only because that seems to have been the overall theme this year. Seriously, every two weeks they bring someone in to fix them, and then a different one breaks two days after they leave.

That leaves only four working machines for 240 guys to use. Oh, and before someone throws the argument that girls have more clothes than guys, let me say that I know people in the building who could put a few girls to shame with the amount of garments that they have. So, you figure, one person could potentially use all the available machines at one time.

Here's the kicker. Eich doesn't have a sign up sheet. We actually don't need one. When people walk into the laundry room and see that there are no available washers, they leave and come back when the machines are open. See? It's easy.

In my four years in college, I have never once lost an article of clothing in the wash. Well, maybe the occasional sock or two, but I find it hard to believe someone in the building would want to steal one sock. Plus, they're like four bucks at Wal*Mart. I'll be fine.

If it's a particularly busy day and I'm not back when my cycle is done, then the next person takes my clothes out of the washer and puts them in the dryer. If there isn't a dryer open, then they set my laundry somewhere safe, and I take care of it when I come up to see if the washer is done.

There are two things you need to do when doing laundry. First, don't be a jerk. No one likes a jerk. Second, don't time it out so the day you do laundry is the last day you can wear clothes. See? Easy. It's all in the planning.

I know sharing facilities with people has the potential to become a bit irritating, but there's no need to take it out on other people. After all, you can't always get a machine when it's most convenient for you. Keep in mind everyone else is going through the same thing.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs.

Want to write a letter to the editor?

Here are the rules.

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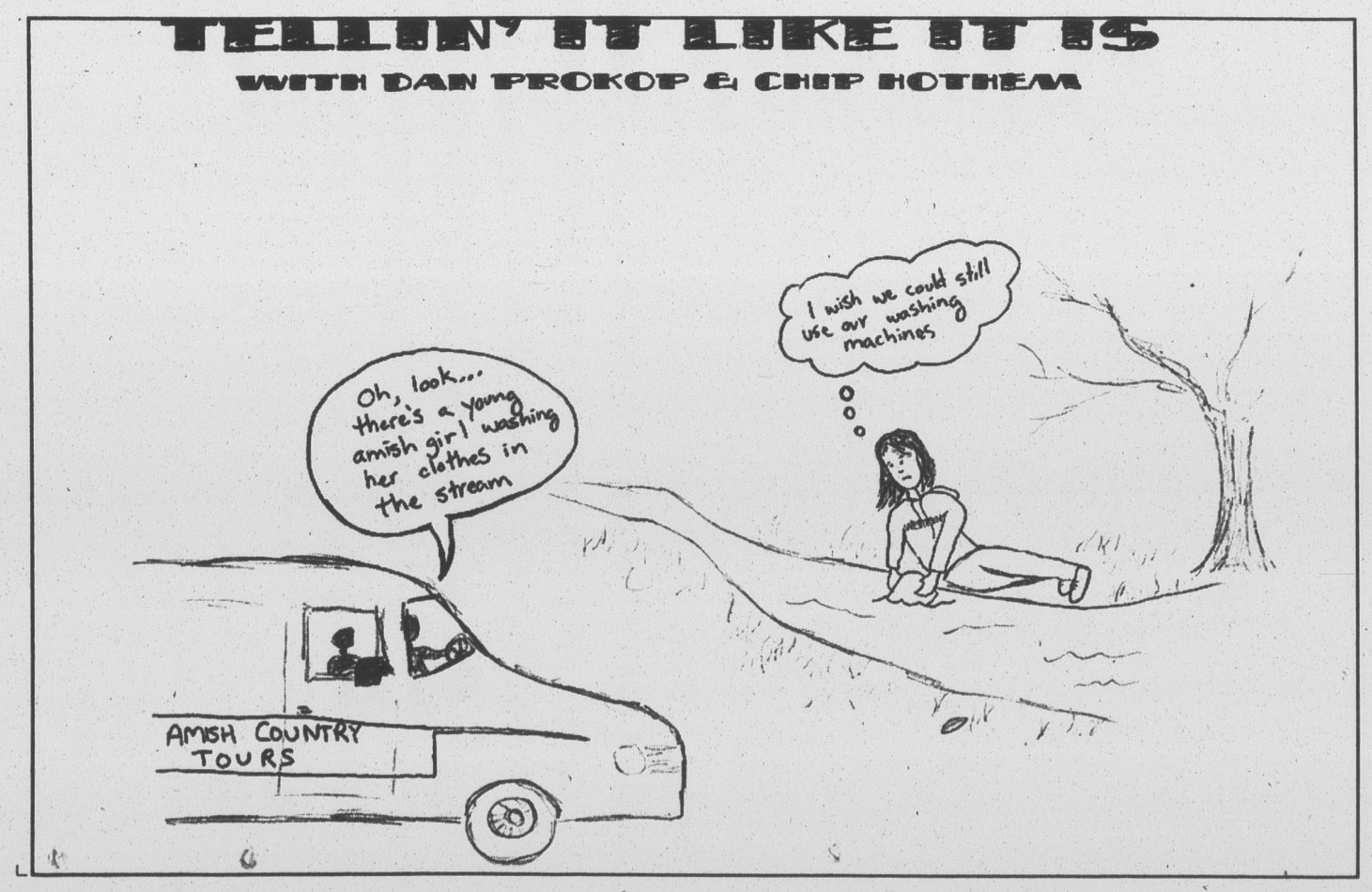

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

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Wilmington Man Dies in House Fire

Local firefighters say a woman tried to pull her son from his burning apartment on Wednesday morning at a home just outside of New Wilmington, but it was too late. The state police fire marshall is still trying to determine the cause of a fire that killed the man at his home on Pearson Drive. Troopers have identified the victim as 40 year old Christopher Schneider. The man's mother went to check on him, but saw smoke pouring from his apartment. Police say the man was disabled and lived in a basement apartment in the house. They say a 92-year old woman living in the upstairs part of the home was able to escape unharmed.

LaGrotta Supports Raising Minimum Wage

State House Representative Frank LaGrotta says he'll keep fighting to raise the minimum wage in Pennsylvania. The New Castle Democrat points to polling data showing 80% of Pennsylvanians support raising the minimum wage. LaGrotta says the matter in Harrisburg is now bottled up in the House Appropriations Committee. LaGrotta says border states like New York, Maryland and Delaware are attracting better employees now that those states have increased wage requirements.

State Rep To Teach Westminster Class

This fall Frank LaGrotta, will head back to college where he's scheduled to teach a state and local government course at Westminster. LaGrotta says he'll teach a Thursday night class at the college. The state representative is often invited by the political science faculty to served as a guest speaker.

Weaver's

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. What did 50th District State Senator Bob Robbins announce this week?

a. He is running for re-election.
b. He is retiring.
c. He wants a pay raise.
d. He is switching political parties.
e. He is running for governor.

2. Identify the type of voting system the Lawrence County Commission approved this week for use in the May 16th primary.

a. A computerized touch-screen system.
b. A punch card system.
c. A paper ballot system.
d. A Scantron system.
e. A mechanical lever system.

3. Identify the team the Titan women's basketball team will face in Friday's PAC semifinal championship game?

a. Chatham College
b. Waynesburg College
c. Bethany College
d. Washington and Jefferson College
e. Grove City College

4. Identify the home country of the company approved to takeover operations of six U.S. ports including the one in Philadelphia.

a. Switzerland
b. Great Britain
c. Japan
d. United Arab Emirates
e. Israel

5. Who claimed the $365 million dollar Powerball prize this week?

a. Six railroad workers in Iowa.
b. Eight meatpackers in Nebraska.
c. Four coal miners in West Virginia.
d. Five teachers in Pennsylvania.
e. Seven truck drives in Ohio.

6. Why did nearly 300 people rally in New Castle last Saturday?

a. They gathered to support mandatory school uniforms at New Castle High.
b. They gathered to support local racetrack and casino developer Carmen Schick.
c. They gathered to support State Senator Bob Robbins' campaign.
d. They gathered to support State Representative Frank LaGrotta's call to increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania.
e. They gathered to support Lawrence County Treasurer Gary Felasco.

7. Who did not compete at the Turin Olympics?

a. figure skater Sasha Cohen
b. alpine skier Bode Miller
c. speed skater Chad Hedrick
d. figure skater Michelle Kwan
e. speed skater Shani Davis

1.A 2.)A 3.)D 4.)D 5.)B 6.)B 7.)D

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

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Regional

76ers and Philly police announce guns-for-tickets program

Guns for tickets

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Philadelphia 76ers and police officials on Tuesday announced a program aimed at curbing gun violence by exchanging tickets for guns.

The one-week program opens Wednesday. Anyone can bring a working gun into a city police station and exchange it for a voucher good for a pair of tickets to an upcoming 76ers game, no questions asked.

"If we get one (gun), it's a successful program," said Billy King, the team's president. "If we get one, if we get a thousand, whatever we get that's going to be good enough."

Sitting at a table with 15 guns ranging from semiautomatic rifles to tiny, easily concealed handguns, Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said the program wasn't only for illegal guns. He would be happy if law-abiding citizens turned in their firearms, too.

"Any gun that can kill needs to be taken off the streets," Johnson said.

The city's murder rate spiked last year and is on a similar pace in 2006. There were 380 homicides in the city in 2005 _ the highest total in five years. There were 44 homicides in the city from Jan. 1 through Monday, just slightly off last year's pace.

The program is similar to one the 76ers ran in 1999. "Guns for Gear" brought in close to 900 guns in just three days.

National

Supreme Court sets up fall showdown on abortion

Abortion debate fires up again

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court said Tuesday it would consider reinstating a federal ban on what opponents call partial-birth abortion, pulling the contentious issue back to the high court on conservative Justice Samuel Alito's first day.

Alito could well be the tie-breaking vote when the court decides if doctors can be barred from performing the abortion procedure.

It is the first time the court has considered a federal restriction on abortion, and conservatives said they expect the membership change to affect the outcome.

"This is the frontline abortion case in the country," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the conservative American Center for Law and Justice, who represents members of Congress in the case.

Justices split 5-4 in 2000 in striking down a state law barring the same procedure because it lacked an exception to protect the health of the mother. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who was the tie-breaking vote, retired late last month and was replaced by Alito.

Abortion was a major focus in the fight over Alito's nomination, and that of new Chief Justice John Roberts. Neither divulged how he would vote.

Even with O'Connor's retirement, there are five votes to uphold Roe v. Wade, the 1973 landmark ruling that established a woman's right to an abortion.

Abortion rights groups were worried, however, that the new court could make it easier for legislators to limit women's access to abortions.

"Today's action means the core principle of protecting women's health as guaranteed by Roe v. Wade is in clear and present danger," said Nancy Keenan, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

Justices will hear arguments this fall, as voters are preparing for midterm elections, with a ruling likely next year as presidential campaigns are gearing up.

Congress had voted in 2003 to prohibit the type of abortion, generally carried out in the second or third trimester, in which a fetus is partially removed from the womb and its skull punctured or crushed.

Justices were told that 31 states also barred so-called "partial-birth" abortions over the past eight years.

Doctors who perform the procedure contend that it is the safest method of abortion when the mother's health is threatened by heart disease, high blood pressure or cancer.

The 2003 passage followed nearly a decade of attempts by Republican leaders and two vetoes by former President Clinton.

The law was never put in effect. It was struck down by judges in California, Nebraska and New York because it had no exception to protect the women's health. Those three decisions were upheld by appeals courts.

Defenders of the law maintain that the procedure is never medically necessary to protect a woman's health.

The Supreme Court recently dealt with an abortion case from New Hampshire. Justices on a 9-0 vote reaffirmed in January that states can require parental involvement in abortion decisions and that state restrictions must have an exception to protect the mother's health.

The case that will be heard this fall comes to the Supreme Court from Nebraska, where the federal law was challenged on behalf of physicians.

A judge in Lincoln, Neb., ruled that the law was unconstitutional, and the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis agreed last summer, prompting the Supreme Court appeal. Federal judges in New York and San Francisco also declared the law unconstitutional, and appeals courts agreed.

National

British historian pleads guilty to denying the Holocaust, gets 3-year sentence in Austria

Holocaust denial

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Right-wing British historian David Irving pleaded guilty Monday to denying the Holocaust and was sentenced to three years in prison, even after conceding he wrongly said there were no Nazi gas chambers at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Irving, handcuffed and wearing a navy blue suit, arrived in court carrying a copy of one of his most controversial books _ "Hitler's War," which challenges the extent of the Holocaust."I made a mistake when I said there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz," Irving told the court before his sentencing, at which he faced up to 10 years in prison.

He also expressed sorrow "for all the innocent people who died during the Second World War."

But he insisted he never wrote a book about the Holocaust, which he called "just a fragment of my area of interest."

"In no way did I deny the killings of millions of people by the Nazis," testified Irving, who has written nearly 30 books.

The court said Irving had three days to appeal his sentence. His lawyer did not immediately say whether he planned to do so.

Irving, 67, has been in custody since his November arrest on charges stemming from two speeches he gave in Austria in 1989 in which he was accused of denying the Nazis' extermination of 6 million Jews. He has contended that most of those who died at concentration camps such as Auschwitz succumbed to diseases such as typhus rather than execution.

The convicted Irving after his guilty plea under the 1992 law, which applies to "whoever denies, grossly plays down, approves or tries to excuse the National Socialist genocide or other National Socialist crimes against humanity in a print publication, in broadcast or other media."

Irving's trial came amid new _ and fierce _ debate over freedom of expression in Europe, where the printing and reprinting of unflattering caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad has triggered deadly protests worldwide.

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Campus News

What the *%^*?

Can the school limit our use of violent language

By Christine Line
Campus writer

Students are constantly exposed to profanity in music, movies, and daily conversation.

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech, but a question still remains: Are there rules against cursing in the classroom on campus?

The student handbook doesn't clearly address any violations against cursing in class. However, profanity could be reprehensible in two sections of the Student Code of Conduct. Sexual harassment violations are stated as "comments, actions, or materials unreasonably interfering with a person's working, living, or academic environment." Sexually inappropriate comments are also violations.

The second section refers to misconduct and states that violations are "any comment meant to harass or alarm another person" and "intentional interference with the educational process." Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman said the college tries to steer clear of cursing restrictions.

"We do not want to impinge on students' speech rights, but hopefully students will think about unintentionally offending someone else," Edman said. "Curse words have been 'defanged' so much that they might not even think that someone else would consider cursing disrespectful."

If a student violates any part of the Code, the college will fine the student or conduct judicial proceedings, depending on the severity. The student would have a pre-hearing conference before the administrative hearing. A few rumors have been started about students being fined for inappropriate language in class. However, Edman said he didn't remember any prior court cases concerning cursing.

"If students have been fined, they should have been notified about their offense in a letter," Edman said. "Cursing isn't an offense, and I don't recall any significant problems in the past."

Dr. Jeffrey Bersett said he never heard of cursing problems either.

"I have no rules in my classroom about cursing," Bersett said. "Students and professors should be able to express themselves freely."

Edman claimed that mutual respect is needed for a good classroom environment among students and between students and professors.

While some words seem completely acceptable and may be widely used, they may make some students uncomfortable. If relations between students become problematic, the learning process could be hindered. Edman urged students to use caution when cursing if they are around anyone who could be deeply offended.

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Dean Neal Edman

Sophomore Erin Cameron said she doesn't mind any cursing, but she wouldn't use profanity while in class.

"I don't think cursing is wrong, but I think it's a bit inappropriate to use in front of an authority figure," Cameron said. "If a professor uses it excessively, it can be distracting, too."

Sophomore Ashley Linnelli agreed that cursing should be kept out of the classroom.

"Cursing has a time and a place," Linnelli said. "It's such a part of our culture and we're so accustomed to it, but I think it's respectful to not use profanity in class."

Photo by Jenna Shaw

The Sigma Kappa hall is all cleaned up now, but it took a full day to disinfect this bathroom.

A smelly situation

Raw sewage stinks up Ferguson dorm

By Kathryn Stanley
Campus writer

With sewage flooding the second and third floors in Ferguson Hall, residents weren't too eager to shower until the problem was cleaned up.

The sewage leak took place in the Sigma Kappa hall in the middle of the night which set off the security system. Security arrived to assess the problem and decided it wasn't an emergency, but turned off the water until morning.

The problem was repaired the next day by the school's plumber. Although it was just a drainage clog, it took the entire day to disinfect the bathrooms.

"After it was determined not to be an emergency for the plumber, the problem was addressed when the plumber came in the morning," Physical Plant director Owen Wagner said. "It took most of the rest of the day to disinfect the area."

Senior Jaclyn Sabolsky didn't shower for the afternoon while the problem was being fixed. Sabolsky's floor bathroom wasn't closed, but she said the smell was too much to handle.

"Our bathroom was still usable by Physical Plant's standards, but no one wanted to use it because water was falling from the ceiling, out into the hall, and it just smelled awful," Sabolsky said.

According to Wagner, the sewage system is original to the building, but this kind of problem is seen all the time.

"People put all kinds of things down the drains such as food, shot glasses, shoes, hygiene products, and of course hair," Wagner said. "It clogs up in there and it keeps getting worse and worse until it just backs up."

Sabolsky said this is a problem that Ferg had last semester that just keeps coming back.

"It seems like Physical Plant's only solution is to put up more spackle on the ceiling. " Sablosky said. "I personally don't think it is working."

If student notices a sewage leak, Wagner said to contact the resident assistant to place a work order. If it is a severe problem requiring immediate attention, residents should contact Security or the Physical Plant immediately.

"Putting unauthorized items into a drain causes a problem for everyone in the building." Wagner said.

Global warming hits home, wherever home is

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

It's winter at Westminster once again. This year is my fourth winter on campus. Something I have noticed, however, is that it does not look like winter at all.

Four years ago, when I first arrived on Westminster's campus, the winters were long and brutal. There was no break of warmth in the middle. You could expect a full November to March (or even April) cold streak. Snow and ice were in such abundance that classes were even cancelled for a day because it was barely safe to walk outside. Sledding accidents were also plentiful.

"I remember when I was younger the winters were full of snow, cold and fun," said Elaine Novosel, friendly cashier at the dining hall.

However, the past two winters have seemed a little lacking in the cold and snow arena. Just this past winter break felt like springtime.

Dr. Jeff Bersett, who has been sick for quite some time, sees this taking a toll on his body.

"The main reason I can't get better is because the weather is changing every two days and my body can't get used to it…I just wish for one week the weather would be the same- whatever it is," said Bersett.

Though everyone may agree that the varying weather can be an inconvenience, should we be concerned about these changing patterns? Does this have anything to do with global warming? I decided to find some answers. Dr. Ann Throckmorton, head of the Biology department, explained the facts.

"Weather is short term and small scale. Weather is always variable and it always has been. We have also just entered into La Niña, so that is part of the variability as well. Climate is long term and broad scale. Global warming has to do with the climate," explained Throckmorton.

When it comes to global warming, many people are skeptical. However, science has proven that in fact the earth is getting warmer. According to the journal of science, in the late 20th century, the northern hemisphere has had its most widespread warmth in 1,200 years. These findings support the fact that the high levels of carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere are now higher than any time in the past 650,000 years.

Just recently reports have been published in journal Science showing the speed with which the glaciers in Greenland are melting. It is estimated that this could cause a 20 inch increase in sea levels; though this may not seem like a lot, it can cause great damage in countries already prone to flooding. Global climate change will affect each region differently.

"One of the main misconceptions about global warming is that people think every place on earth is going to get warmer, but that is not the case…some places may actually get colder and wetter," said Throckmorton.

Perhaps the recent findings should be keeping many of us awake at night. But they most likely are not. That is because the largest point of contention thus far, has been whether humans are responsible for these changes. Some believe they are not. However, Throckmorton assures us otherwise.

"It's almost a universal consensus that humans are responsible," said Throckmorton.

Though many nations and peoples have realized this urgency already, the U.S. is the only major country to not sign the Kyoto protocol, even though we are responsible for the highest amount of emissions.

There are many things, small as they seem that individuals can do to help curb their personal greenhouse emissions. Here are a few suggestions:

Turn off your computers at night- don't worry, no one will be checking your away message

Quit driving to Wal-Mart (and that's for more reasons than one) every time you need every little thing. In case you haven't noticed, New Wilmington does have shops that usually have what you need and it's within walking distance and perhaps the most important..

"Push for governmental and institutional reform," suggests Throckmorton

Though our individual contribution is harmful, it is so small compared to that of our government, businesses, and even school. There are many steps that we can ask our school to take, our local businesses to take, and our national government.

Due to the global nature of this problem, it is important to learn more about this issue, how you can make a positive impact and be a conscientious citizen. Visit http://www.worldwatch.org/topics/energy/climate/ to learn more about what you can do.

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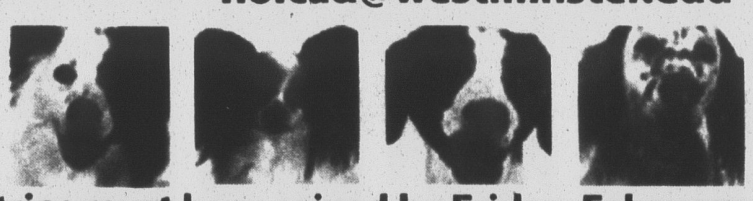


All entries must be received by Friday, February 24th. The Holcad will pick the top 5 winners and feature them in the March 3 issue. Votes will be taken to name the best in show on Friday, March 31th.

More news from around the campus

Brawl for Berlin

Not everyone making the townhouse cut

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

Competition for placement in the Berlin Village Townhouses was brutal. Using their smarts and campus credentials, a total of 192 students scuffled to obtain living arrangements for only fifteen rooms comprised of 60 spots.

The selection process, which took Student Affairs two weeks to finish, was based upon the following criteria; number of semesters lived on campus, GPA, and judicial history.

"I think SGA was very thoughtful when they came up with the criteria," Dean of Residential life Molly Mistretta said.

However, it has been extremely difficult for administrators to search for this particular criterion on the database system.

"Our office struggled because all of the information needed to validate [the applications] is not kept in one location," Mistretta said, "At some points, we felt like investigators."

Pinpointing each student's total semesters on campus was the hardest criteria to locate. Because of limits on the computer databases, data is pushed out of the system when incoming freshmen arrive. Records are expunged completely after one year.

"We don't have the technology now to keep all of the data," Mistretta said.

For this reason, Student Affairs purposely left one female and one male townhouse open in the Village to serve as a buffer area for any mistakes.

Students were given the option of writing an appeal letter if their groups' application was not accepted. Only five groups chose to appeal, mostly because they wished for a "double-check" on the gathered application criteria.

Most appeals have been processed and "the ones we've processed up to this point," Mistretta said, "were tallied correctly."

If all applications were processed accurately, the buffer rooms will go to those groups who are first on the waiting list.

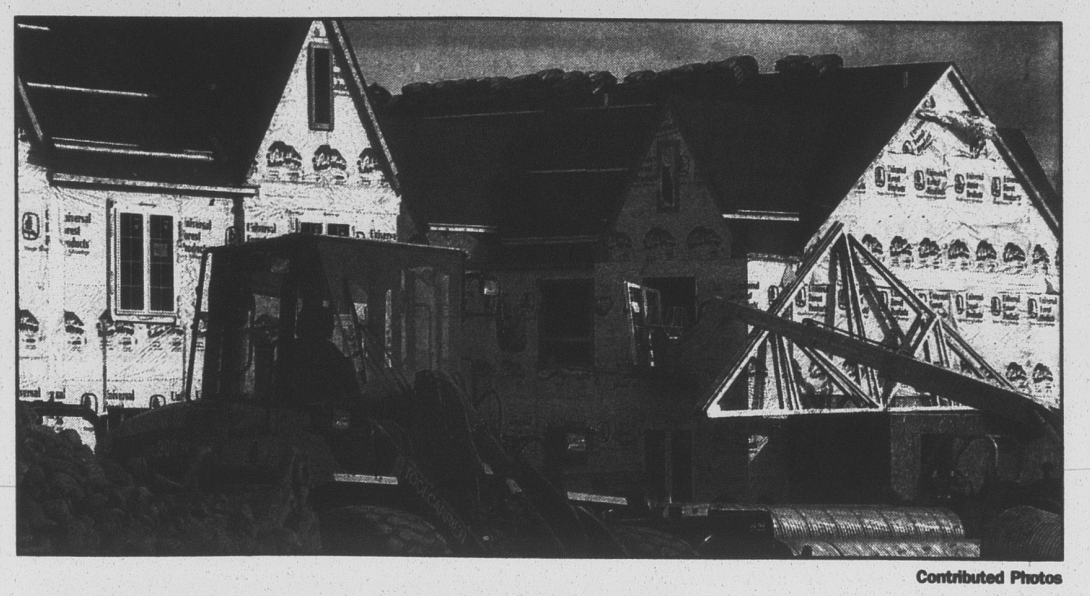
A group application could score a maximum of 28 points. These points were accumulated by adding each student's total number of semesters on campus in addition to points for individual GPA and points for judicial history. One point was given for above a 3.0 GPA, zero points for below a 3.0 GPA and disqualification for a group with any member who had below a 2.0 GPA. Any student with a judicial history on campus received a 1 point violation and any student with a state law violation received a 2 point deduction. Violations of students during freshmen year were disregarded.

All groups comprised of women, except one, factored the maximum score.

"Especially with the women, they were very thoughtful of the groups they put together," Mistretta said, "that's why there was so much competition."

On the other hand, competition was not nearly as fierce with the men.

In addition to creating new living options for students, "the apartments are really creating some neat opportunities on campus by leaving some space for us to play with," Mistretta said.



Contributed Photos

The townhouses are quickly turning from parts to reality.

Student Affairs is exploring the issue of transforming the doubles in Jeffers Hall into single rooms and the triples into double rooms. More single rooms would give 5th year students with hectic schedules the opportunity to live on their own.

Student Affairs is also looking into discontinuing use of the ground floor of Hillside and possibly transforming some rooms in Eich into singles.

"Through the semester, we are evaluating space on campus to see what we can do with it," Mistretta said.

The outcome with will be based upon the interest level of these changes detected in student body opinion.

For those students who will not have the luxury of living in a townhouse suite next year (complete with a couch, chair, coffee table, end table and a small dinette set), there is still hope.

"If you're interested in townhouse-like living, your next best option would be Thompson House," Mistretta said.

Doc Alert

Acute Bronchitis (Tracheo-bronchitis)

Welcome back Westminster Titans! Over the break I am sure that some of you experienced "acute bronchitis". It is one of the most common conditions that bring people to the doctor, particularly at this time of the year. Those of you who developed acute bronchitis over the break (or since your return to campus) could attest to the symptoms. Nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, fatigue, and malaise are of the most common initial symptoms during the first week. It then progresses to a persistent deep non-productive cough. This cough can make it difficult to sleep at night (for you and your roommate!).

As in the previous 'Doc Alerts' a virus is the most common culprit. Antibiotics treat bacterial, not viral infections and therefore are not helpful. However, doctors commonly prescribe antibiotics and patients get better shortly thereafter. Is this recovery a placebo effect or do antibiotics really help? Most respectable medical journals recommend doctors do not use antibiotics for a clear diagnosis of acute bronchitis, because by 'definition' it is a viral illness. The diagnosis is rarely clear and antibiotics are commonly accepted as a treatment option.

What should you do if you think you have acute bronchitis? If it is just a persistent non-productive annoying cough for less then 3 weeks, then first try over the counter cough and cold medications like Robitussin DM. Also, give your body what it needs to fight the infection by drinking lots of water (> 8 glasses/day), and get extra rest. Fever (temperature > 100.4), cough greater then 3 weeks, pain, or any additional symptoms come and see us at the Student Health Center or call your family doctor. We will give you additional tips on fighting infections and determine if you need antibiotics and/or additional testing to role out more serious conditions like pneumonia or lung disease.

For additional information on acute bronchitis: http://familydoctor.org/677.xml.

Doc Gardner

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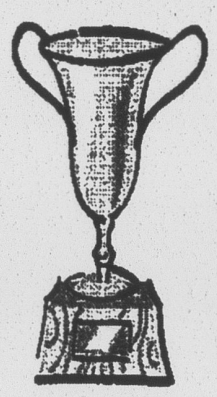

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Campus News

Can *you* hear me now?

The Holcad's guide for your campus cell phone reception

By Roxanne Ierino
Campus writer

Having a cell phone is not a problem on Westminster's campus; the problem is finding reception. Without many cell towers in the area, reception can be hard to find.

In the past, AT&T had requested to place a cell tower behind the President's house. The company also offered the tower to be used as a resource by Titan Radio. At the time, Titan Radio was in need of a higher transmitting location. Instead, the New Wilmington Borough offered an existing cable television tower, and the board of trustees voted against the leasing of the land for the cell tower. Since that time, Cellular One has built a tower on the north side of town.

"To my knowledge no discussions are underway concerning a cell tower on Westminster College land," Dr. Barner said.

Professors and students alike can be seen talking on cell phones around campus. Though there are no towers on Westminster property, reception is not a problem for some. Many servers work well on-campus while others are faced with problem areas.

"God bless Verizon," Dr. Bersett said about his service on-campus.

Students shared Bersett's enthusiasm about Verizon, "I get great reception," junior Kyle Schuyler said. Other students agreed that reception on-campus was not a problem from providers such as Nextel, Cellular One, Alltel, and Cingular. However, the TUB seems to be a problem area for most providers.

I think they're a distraction. I don't understand the need to have them in the classroom.

Dr. David Barner

"My phone works everywhere except the tub," sophomore Durann VanGorder, a Nextel customer, said.

There are some students and faculty that are affected by the lack of cell towers in the area. Sprint and T-Mobile customers have little to no reception on-campus. Searching for service areas is common for these clients.

"My service is horrible. There is a spot in my room where I have service and a couple of spots in the quad," junior Nikki Sacca, a T-Mobile customer, said.

The lack of reception on-campus may be beneficial to some. Having good reception causes a problem in the classroom. Professors agree that cell phones in the classroom are inappropriate and irritating during class time.

"I hate them," Dr. Bersett said. "I think they're a distraction. I don't understand the need to have them in the classroom."

More towers and better reception may be at a stand still due to the tremendous problem they are creating in the classroom. The placement of towers on Westminster land is not seen in the near future.

Photo by Kathryn Iarson

At one time, AT&T wanted to place cell tower here behind the president's house. Today, that idea is clearly null and void.

Pre-school v. College

Who says we aren't Toys R Us Kids?

Photo by Sky Yaple

Even the little tykes know about the most important time of the work day: going home.

By Amy Schillinger
Campus writer

Telling your parents goodbye, meeting new people, learning, napping, in most ways the college experience is exactly like preschool.

Think of a day in the life of a typical college student. You wake up, eat breakfast, go to class, snack, and take naps. Not much has changed since those preschool days. We still miss our family, play in the snow, eat cookies, and look forward to playing during the weekends.

"College is sometimes just like preschool," recent graduate Justin Bryan said "I saw a group of fraternity boys eat play dough once."

Although fun, both experiences are stressful. Entering a new surrounding is hard at any age. While preschoolers struggle learning how to tie their shoes and writing their name, college students strive to endure living on their own and earning a degree. These are all life skills that are important to one's success in the future.

"The preschool and college experiences are both life-changing," sophomore Rhiannon Mondale said. "The college one just comes with a little more responsibility."

Even both schools' philosophies are similar. Part of the preschool lab's goal is to develop social skills and to encourage cognitive development and independence. Similarly, a section of the college's mission statement is to demonstrate moral commitments, to reason logically and evaluate critically.

Now I take more naps, still eat poptarts and wear comfy clothes to class everyday.

Sophomore Amanda Bohler

Studies have shown that it pays to go through these experiences. The April edition of Educational Leadership magazine says that three-fourths of young children participate in a preschool program and are more likely to get better jobs and earn more money, while the US Census Bureau states that a Bachelor's Degree earns $51,206-almost double the earnings by someone with only a high school diploma.

Even though we are growing older some say it's nice to hold on to our unique preschool characteristics.

"I sometimes miss my preschool days," sophomore Amanda Bohler said. "Now I take more naps, still eat pop tarts and wear comfy clothes to class everyday."

Preschool and going to college are both new experiences, a new environment in which must learn to adapt. Whether it's discovering how to color within the lines or quantum physics the learning process never changes. Going to preschool prepares students to learn and college prepares us for life.

Students making a ruckus can expect a fine

Town noise ordinance examined

By Jared Foster
Campus writer

Students can make as much noise as they want, but it comes with a price.

New Wilmington has a noise ordinance, which means violators can be fined as much as $500 for breaking it.

Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo says that people seem to be following the new rule fairly well. The number of complaints seems to be the same as in previous years.

"We always get some complaints on party nights," Piccirillo said.

Usually these complaints are no big deal, and there are often a few easy solutions.

"We advise whoever the complaint is against to turn it down and keep the windows closed," Piccirillo said

The noise ordinance is not a campus matter, but rather a community problem. Therefore, according to Dean Lechner, the New Wilmington police are usually the ones to enforce it.

Jack Marti and his family have lived in New Wilmington for his entire life. For the most part, the students aren't much of a disturbance.

"I don't hear too many complaints from the other people in town, but I'm sure if I lived right next to a fraternity house, the case might be different," Marti said.

Sophomore Bill Quigley tries to keep the noise he makes at a low level.

"When I go out, I try to respect other people who may be trying to sleep or work," said Quigley. "I think everyone should be courteous. I know I enjoy a nice quiet night of sleep."

Generally, the students aren't complaining about the noise. Occasionally, a few people can be heard yelling outside at night, but nothing out of the ordinary.

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Sophomore Jack Marti, New Wilmington resident

"Sometimes I can hear people shouting outside my window, but it doesn't bother me," Marti, an Eichenauer resident said. "It's just part of the college experience."

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Friday

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High		30	24	17	28
Low		20	11	9	17
	Partly sunny; winds subsiding	Mostly cloudy, snow showers	Snow showers possible; colder	Frigid with flurries	Overcast and turning warmer

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High	34	35			
Low	17	20			
	Mostly cloudy	Times of sun and clouds			

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:04 a.m.	6:06 p.m.
Saturday	7:02 a.m.	6:07 p.m.
Sunday	7:01 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Monday	6:59 a.m.	6:10 p.m.
Tuesday	6:58 a.m.	6:11 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	5:04 a.m.	1:51 p.m.
Saturday	5:52 a.m.	3:11 p.m.
Sunday	6:30 a.m.	4:35 p.m.
Monday	7:01 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
Tuesday	7:28 a.m.	7:17 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 14	Mar 22

Weather History

Ice on the lower Susquehanna River in Maryland began to break on Feb. 24, 1852. During the preceding 40 days, an ice bridge across the river had been used for the crossing of 1,378 loaded freight cars.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	33	27	pc	39	20	sn	22	14	sf	28	13	sf	27	17	c
Butler, PA	34	24	sf	37	20	sf	23	15	sf	21	10	sf	29	18	c
Cambridge, OH	42	31	s	46	27	r	35	19	c	31	15	sf	33	19	pc
Canton, OH	35	28	pc	41	23	sn	29	15	sf	29	13	sf	29	17	c
Cincinnati, OH	47	36	pc	49	29	pc	32	19	pc	30	17	sn	28	15	pc
Clarion, PA	31	23	sf	34	19	sf	27	11	sf	22	10	sf	27	15	c
Clarksburg, WV	39	29	sf	49	28	r	36	18	sf	24	20	sf	35	20	pc
Cleveland, OH	32	28	sf	34	24	sf	26	18	sf	28	16	sf	28	19	c
Columbus, OH	42	32	s	42	28	sf	33	22	pc	32	16	sf	34	22	s
Cumberland, MD	38	26	sf	41	25	sf	29	15	sf	28	15	sf	32	19	pc
Erie, PA	29	25	sf	28	18	sf	21	11	sf	17	10	sf	24	15	sf
Franklin, PA	32	23	sf	34	20	sf	27	13	sf	23	11	sf	28	16	c
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Sports

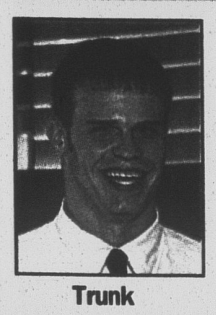
Titan Swimmers Win Big,
Close 2005-06 Season at CWRU Veale Classic

Westminster Men's & Women's Swimmers Close 2005-06 Season at CWRU Veale Classic

Three members of the Titan men's & women's swimming teams closed the 2005-06 season this weekend at the Veale Classic, hosted by Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Junior Ryan Trunk led the way for the Titan men, capturing both the 50 freestyle (21.73) and 100 freestyle (47.99). Junior Pat Smith also touched first in the 200 backstroke (1:59.62).

On the women's side, sophomore Becky Giles posted a first-place finish in the 200 individual medley (2:10.14)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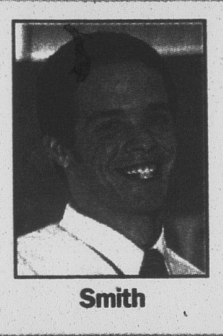

Smith

Giles

Photo By Laura DellAntonio

Titans of cheering

Titan fans go crazy at the men's game this past weekend. Westminster defeated Thomas More 122-92. The men played Waynesburg last night.

Titan Sports Shorts

Westminster Indoor Track & Field Teams Compete at Kent State Tune-Up Invitational

Cooper

The Titan men's & women's indoor track & field teams competed this weekend at the Kent State University Tune-Up Invitational in Kent, Ohio. No team score was kept at the meet, which was primarily comprised of NCAA Division I and Division II programs.

The Lady Titans were paced by sophomore Jessica Cooper, who tied for fifth in the high jump (5-1), and freshman Rebecca Shiner, who was fifth in the 1,000 meter run (3:22.08). In addition, the women's 4x400 relay team of freshman Megan Harding, Shiner, Cooper and freshman Kristen Van Sickel posted a time of 4:18.19, breaking the Westminster indoor school record by nearly seven seconds. The Westminster indoor track & field teams return to action this Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Mount Union College Invitational in Alliance, Ohio.

Lady Titans top Thiel in PAC Tournament Opening Round

Marszalek

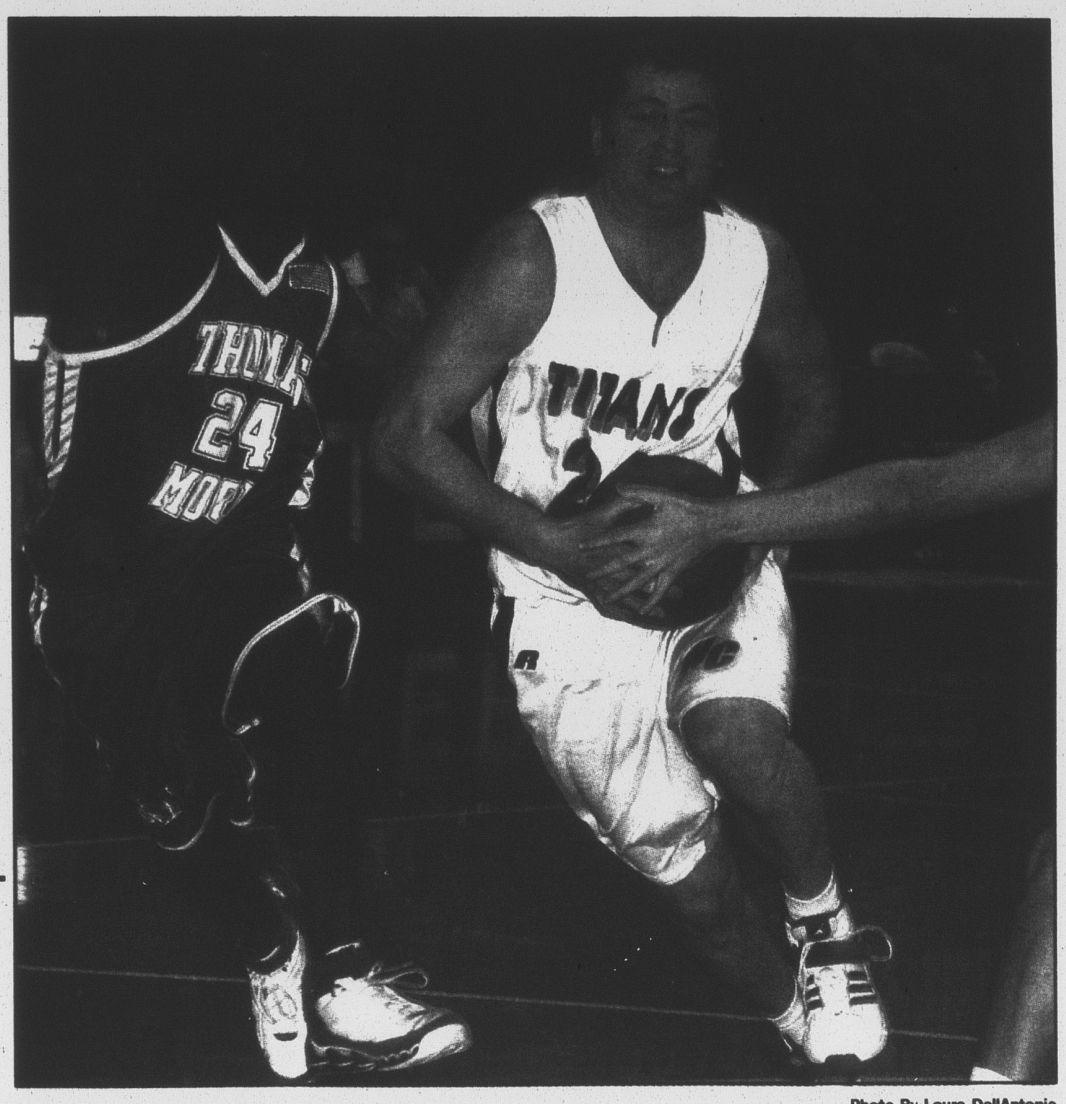
The Titan women's basketball history rolled to a 41-11 halftime lead and never looked back Tuesday at Rissell-Beeghly Gym in Greenville, as the sixth-seeded Lady Titans (8-18) posted a 75-39 upset of third seed Thiel College (7-19) in the opening round of the 2006 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament.

Westminster, the defending PAC women's basketball champion, now advances to face top-seeded Washington & Jefferson (20-4) in one semifinal this Friday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. in Washington, Pa. In the other tournament semifinal, #5 Waynesburg (14-12) will face #2 Thomas More (19-7) Friday at 6 p.m. in Washington, Pa. Waynesburg topped #4 Bethany 89-83 while Thomas More defeated #7 Grove City 72-59 in other first round PAC Tournament action Tuesday. The championship is set for Saturday at 2 p.m. in Washington, Pa.

The Lady Titans did not trail in the contest, as Westminster raced to an 11-2 lead in the opening five minutes and slowly built its lead the remainder of the half before going into halftime with the 30-point lead. In the opening half, Thiel shot just 15 percent from the field (4-of-26) while also committing 17 turnovers. The Lady Titans were never threatened in the second period, leading by as many as 42 points (61-19).

Sophomore forward Terese Marszalek led the Westminster offense with a career-high 22 points on 10-of-13 shooting from the field, while adding a game-high 12 rebounds to post a double-double. Other Westminster scorers in double figures included sophomore guard/forward Emilee Ackerman with 16 and junior guard Rachel Eaton with 11. Junior guard Nicole Fee dished out a game-high five assists in the win, while classmate Desiree Sterling added four steals. Thiel was paced by Amber Bodrick and Heather Abate with 12 points apiece.

Westminster held a commanding 46-21 rebounding advantage over Thiel, while also shooting a season-high 57 percent (29-of-51) from the field to 22 percent (13-of-59) for the Tomcats.



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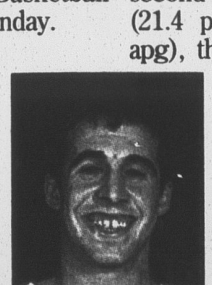
Dodging the defense

Brian Fadden carries the ball to the net in the victory against Thomas Moore on Tuesday.

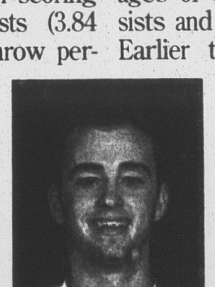
Three Titans Earn 2006 All-PAC Recognition

Three Westminster College men's basketball standouts have been selected to the 2006 All-PAC Men's Basketball Teams, released Monday.


DeMonaco

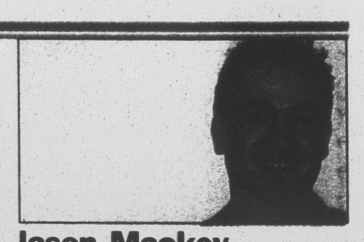
Senior guard Mark DeMonaco was a first team selection, while sophomore guard Craig Hannon was a second team honoree and junior guard Greg Rosatelli earned honorable mention recognition. DeMonaco was tabbed to the All-PAC First Team for the third consecutive year, while Hannon was an honorable mention pick a year ago.

DeMonaco is a three-year starter for the Titans after transferring from La Roche College following his freshman year. This season, he leads the Titans and ranks second in the PAC in scoring (21.4 ppg) and assists (3.84 apg), third in free throw percentage (83.9%) and sixth in steals (1.8 spg). He currently ranks sixth on the all-time Titan career scoring charts with 1,527 points. Last week, he was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II College Division Men's Basketball Third Team with a 3.21 GPA in accounting.


Hannon

Hannon is a two-year starter for the Titans who ranks second on the team and third in the PAC at 20.2 ppg. He has posted a team-high 105 three-pointers, while adding averages of 3.8 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.,0 steals per game. Earlier this season, Hannon set a new career-high with a 45-point effort in a 117-100 PAC win over Thiel College in New Wilmington on Jan. 4.

Rosatelli, who transferred to Westminster from NAIA member Saint Vincent College at the semester break, is averaging 9.4 points, 1.8 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.6 steals per game over the past 14 contests. Since entering the starting lineup, he has helped lead the Titans to a 6-3 record (4-12 prior) in the final nine games.


Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

No Obsolete Olympics

The Winter Olympics, an event once revered by sports-obsessed introverts like myself, now struggles to find television ratings in the United States. Why?

The growth of professional sports in America has made the Olympics obsolete.

We're blessed with professional football, baseball, basketball and hockey - not to mention such mind-blowing television adventures like poker, darts, and pool - leaving very little of the market share for the Olympics.

Furthermore, as if competing with sports wasn't difficult enough, the Olympics have had to compete with both "Gray's Anatomy" and "American Idol."

"American Idol" trounced the Winter Games when the two met head-to-head on the opening night.

Don't get me wrong, the Winter Olympics are a wonderful thing. They're an international festival of some of the greatest athletes you could assemble. But can the children of today relate to these magnificent athletes?

When I was a child, I pretended I was Barry Bonds throwing out Sid Bream at home (which coincidentally I think I had a better chance of doing), Bubby Brister throwing a touchdown to Louis Lipps or Shawn Miller dishing a no-look pass to Darren Morningstar.

Growing up today, I really don't think I would have the energy to find a hill and thrust myself down it singing the praises of Bode Miller.

The problem? Athletes in the Olympic Games aren't relatable to the youth of today. Children want heroes they can mimic, but ski slopes, ice rinks, and bobsled tracks are unfortunately not in our backyards.

Lastly, in my discourse of why the Winter Olympics are not what they used to be, I have to say that the television coverage is ridiculous. The newspaper coverage is absurd. The Tribune Review devotes an average of 12 pages to the Olympics, while NBC and its cable partners are televising 418 hours of Olympic coverage.

There are only 336 hours in the typical two-week run time of the Olympics...just the pure befuddlement of this statistic has made me click away.

It's really quite an abnormality. Earlier I stated that the importance of the Olympics has dropped, while the television coverage has soared. Yes, it confuses me too.

It's a shame that the Winter Olympics are unidentifiable to the youth of today. Many of the athletes you could watch in the Turino games represent the true class with which athletes should act.

But until someone finds a way to legitimize curling as a decent opponent to rivalry week in college hoops, "American Idol," or STILL more Super Bowl coverage, NBC and its 418 hours of force-fed luge are S-O-L.

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A&E Arts & Entertainment

The Matador
Shaking and stirring

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

One quick way to sum up The Matador is to say that it is not a plot-based film; rather, it is a character film. This could make the hour and a half film worthwhile to you depending on whether you care more about interesting characters or a clearly defined plot.

Pierce Brosnan plays Julian Noble, an aging hit man who has lost his edge. He stumbles across Danny Wright (Greg Kinnear), a disenchanted businessman, in Mexico City while doing a job. They become friends…sort of…after a rocky start. Julian is not really a good conversationalist; he's not really sympathetic and rather crude. His humor, while amusing, can be offensive to some (not to me, but I'm vulgar at times).

After a couple days they part and return to their respective homes: Danny to Denver with his wife, Bean, and Julian to wherever his next job takes him. Six months pass and Danny answers his door in the middle of the night to a surprise visit from Julian. Apparently Julian botched his last job and he now has a price on his head. He pitifully explains to Danny and Bean that he was burned out, but his boss wouldn't give him time off unless he wanted to risk losing his job to a younger hit man. It proves that even hit men encounter bureaucratic woes and lacking benefits.

Julian begs Danny to help him with one last job that will ensure his safety and ability to retire to a "beautiful little Greek island with beautiful little Greeks". One thing leads to another and they find themselves in Arizona at the horse races-perfect place for an assassination, right? The rest of the movie, and pretty much all of it, goes exactly the opposite way I thought. It's nice to be tricked every once in awhile.

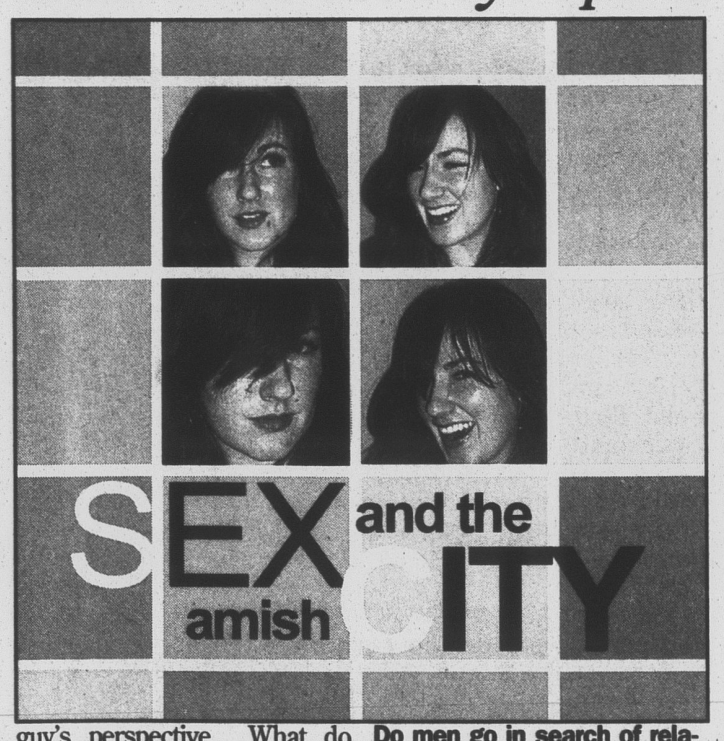
There is a plot to The Matador; you just don't realize what it is until the credits roll. Pierce Brosnan's character is enough to entertain the entire movie. James Bond not able to successfully complete a mission? Of course, this is not James Bond; Julian Noble is a vulnerable man who doesn't have a friend in the world except Danny. He's disgusted with is life, not because he "facilitates fatalities", but because he's no longer able to do his job well. He may be a contract killer, but he sounds a lot like some adults I know who are discontent with their ability to do their jobs and are in fear of losing them to younger, more able bodies.

It's not the best film of the year, but The Matador provides a lot of sass, humor, limited blood, and even throws in some interesting social commentary into the mix. Rating: B.

Source: Internet

Kinnear and Brosnan centerstage in this elaborate drama.

A blind date and some real eye-openers



Working for *The Holcad* has its perks. Besides being able to boast that I write for one of the finest periodicals in the free world, *The Holcad* brings more tangible rewards as well.

This past Tuesday, I was set up on a blind date as a result of my journalistic openness about being alone in my trek through the wilds of dating.

Thus, if you are single on Westminster's campus and would like to go on dates, first you must amass a great amount of writing talent (and in my case: hotness) and then document your desire to become a dating investigator. Inevitably, this will lead to life as a swinging single with no time to just idle about in your dorm room consuming your weight in packaged snacks.

As it turns out, my blind date wasn't actually "blind" as I knew who he was when I saw him. This shouldn't come as a surprise to many, since there are not even enough people on campus to fill a soccer mom's van.

The breakdown of the evening was as follows: we chatted over dinner, tried to go roller-skating but were shut down by a smug lady holding a baby telling us it was 'too late,' and then ate some ice cream. We had, by all accounts, a delightful time.

The interesting thing about it was that all day Wednesday, people on campus kept asking "How was the date?" To which I would respond, "How the crap did you know about it?" Once again, the soccer mom van theory comes in to play. Not that the question is a bad one to be asked. It happens to be a lot better than "How was sitting by yourself and perusing inconsequential websites while watching late nineties sitcom reruns last night?"

Along with my blind date this past week, I also had some eye-opening interviews. Being that my article is only representative of me, a fabulous woman, I decided to get a guy's perspective. What do men think about relationships and dating?

I could've just made stuff up, but I decided to be an honest reporter and find two willing young men, one Greek affiliated and one independent, to answer some questions about the single life.

I felt a little bit like Oprah, minus having a billion dollars and ridiculous weight fluctuations, as I asked hard hitting questions about being a male at Westminster.

I've included some of my most interesting findings below. For the sake of anonymity, I'll use the names Eros (the Greek god of love) and Fabio (a romance novel icon and butter salesman).

What is it like to be a single guy on campus?

Eros: You have a lot of freedom; you don't have to worry about nagging and can keep your options open. The ratio of guys to girls doesn't have much of an impact, I probably see more guys around than girls daily.

Fabio: In some ways it is good. If I go out, I can go out and see whoever. And yeah, the ratio doesn't seem to help – at least it hasn't worked in my favor.

Do men go in search of relationships like the ever-so-desperate women folk?

Eros: I think its better not to look. But, some guys search for it just as much as girls do. Those who are concerned with relationships are looking for someone to rely on, or fall back on.

Fabio: It depends on the guy. I personally am not looking, if it happens it happens. But some guys can be real sappy and just want a girlfriend to have one. That is irritating.

Do you find that guys or girls are more concerned with physical appearance?

Fabio: When you first meet someone, you are going to look at physical appearance and grade them physically. But I think girls are equally if not more in to physical appearance than guys. But, personality is obviously more important.

Eros: I think girls are worse than guys and extra picky. It's different for guys, like Jessica Simpson for instance. Sure, she is hot, but she is stupid and has no common sense so you wouldn't date her. But girls are more in to looks than guys and will go for the jerk guys. A lot of girls walk around like their [*expl.*] don't stink and won't give some guys a second thought; that is a real turnoff.

What is the best way to go about scoring a date?

Fabio: I'm not sure. I can never really tell if someone is interested in me, so I haven't asked many girls out. So I suppose it's good that girls are more forward now, but it would all depend on the guy and his level of confidence.

Eros: Just being yourself, or going through a friend. It has become less common for a guy to ask a girl out. Plus, technology has taken over, which is better for the guy in case he gets rejected. But face to face is more respectable and you can tell whether or not the person is joking.

Do you think it is possible to meet someone at a frat house and have it work out?

Eros: I've seen it work. Most frat guys aren't your stereotypical fraternity guys. Sure, some are like that, but most are good, down to earth guys. A lot of girls think guys are all players and there is no truth to it, it all depends on the environment and where you are at personally.

Do you believe there is only one 'right' person?

Fabio: Yeah, I think there probably is. That is why you need to date around and meet a lot of people to find that one person. I don't think relationships should be taken too seriously, unless you know it's worth it.

Well, I think I've taken up way more than my allotted Holcad space - but many thanks to the open fellas that participated in my grilling session! You have enlightened us all. Until next week faithful readers, have a saucy and love-filled week.

Laura Zorch is a senior PR and art major that has a house full of cats awaiting her in the near future. But she holds on to a dim hope that being a cat lady is not her destiny. And, she's super fabulous.

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Different dinner salads

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Last week I got taken out for Valentine's Day to the Vine Street Feed Mill. No, it wasn't a date, don't get too excited, but my parents came up and took me to a lovely dinner. As you probably know, the former Feed Mill closed down last semester, and now has new owners and a new atmosphere. The menu is basically the same, which is fine with me because the food was always great! But there are some additions in honor of Westminster!

First of all, there is a special menu for Westminster students and faculty with all of the same menu items but the price is less! The college discount is already added onto this special menu. They must realize that being in college really does make us poor.

Some menu items include tasty appetizers such as the typical cheese sticks, or some appetizers that you don't get just anywhere, including battered vegetables, bruchetta, blue grass dip and shrimp cocktail. There are three dinner salads available: the grilled chicken, the grilled Cajun chicken, and the grilled steak.

There are sandwiches served with hand cut fries. Along with the grilled reuben, grilled chicken and the Gilliland's burger, there is "The Titan." "The Titan" has grilled steak, peppers, onions, mushrooms, and cheese on a hoagie bun. Mmmm, it sounds great and it's named after us!

The entrees are absolutely delicious, and my favorite is the Chicken Roll Up. This wonderful dinner has been served even before the restaurant closed for the first time, and I was so excited to see that it's still on the new menu! They have herb crusted chicken, pork tenderloin medallions, seafood choices, and steaks. Of course for me to approve this restaurant, they must have a pasta section. They serve stuffed shells and cheese ravioli (both homemade), chicken alfredo, and baked ziti. All entrees are served with a choice of soup or salad, bread and butter, and a choice of potato and vegetable.

You all have my recommendation on this place. It's nice to have such a delicious choice right here in New Wilmington. The Vine Street Feed Mill is located, obviously, on Vine Street. Go directly behind Rebecca's Salon and you can't miss it! Call

Call (724) 946-8970 for reservations, although they are not needed. The Vine Street Feed Mill also has a special occasion party room that accommodates up to 45 people. And don't forget to ask for their special Westminster menu!

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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Calendar

February 24, 2006

Jubilee Conference – Pittsburgh Hilton

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting – MCC 255

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:00 PM Women's Basketball PAC Semi-Final Tournament Game at Washington and Jefferson

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Hotel Rwanda – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Pride and Prejudice - - MCC Mueller Theater

February 25, 2006

Jubilee Conference – Pittsburgh Hilton

Men's Basketball PAC Tournament

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Mount Union Invitational

Women's Basketball PAC Tournament

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Pride and Prejudice – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Hotel Rwanda – MCC Mueller Theater

February 26, 2006

Jubilee Conference – Pittsburgh Hilton

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Hotel Rwanda – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Vespers: Mozart's Requiem Performed by Concert Choir and Shenango Valley Chorale – Orr Auditorium

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Pride and Prejudice – MCC Mueller Theater

February 27, 2006

Sorority Meetings

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

February 28, 2006

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

9:30 PM - 10:30 PM Newman Club Mardi Gras Party – MCC Club

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

March 1, 2006

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Nancy DeSalvo, "Pianos and Their Makers" – MCC Mueller Theater

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:00 PM - 9:30 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

6:00 PM Circle K Meeting – 231 Patterson

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service – Wallace Memorial Chapel

March 2, 2006

6:30 AM - 7:15 AM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77 Gymnasium

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Intramural Program Speed, Plyometrics and Agility Training – Old 77

1:00 PM Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting – MCC 255

7:00 PM Mortarboard Meeting – MCC 255

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: And There Were None, an Agatha Christie mystery – Beeghly Theater

8:00 PM Dance Theatre – Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM "Stargazing Tonight" (meet in Hoyt lobby) – Hoyt Planetarium

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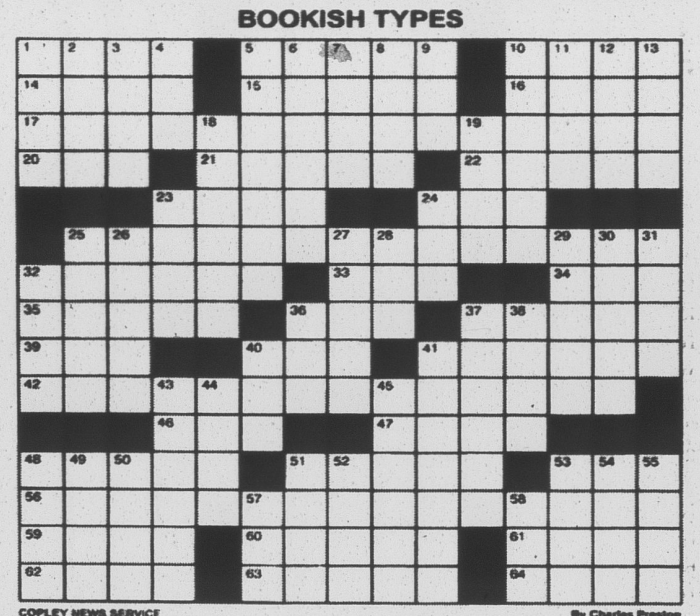

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25 Transcript preparer
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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You may find yourself in the middle of a manipulative plot. Watch out for the strings that are clearly pulling you in two different directions.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Look to excel in creative or artistic ventures this week. Take a mundane task or assignment and spice it up by adding your own personal, exquisite touch.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Expect to quickly run out of steam during attempts to keep up with friends or associates. Find the pace that works for you and maintain your equilibrium.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Now that you have reached a certain level of status or expertise in your career, it is time for your paycheck to catch up. Look for a much deserved raise or bonus.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Curiosity is a motivating force in your life this week. Venture forth into the world of higher learning and uncover some very interesting and mind boggling information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Putting your money to work in investments is a daunting and unpredictable task. At this point you should trust your instincts when making decisions about your cash flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Allow your partner to take the lead in a pioneering project. Relax and have faith that he or she will make the most informed and beneficial judgments.

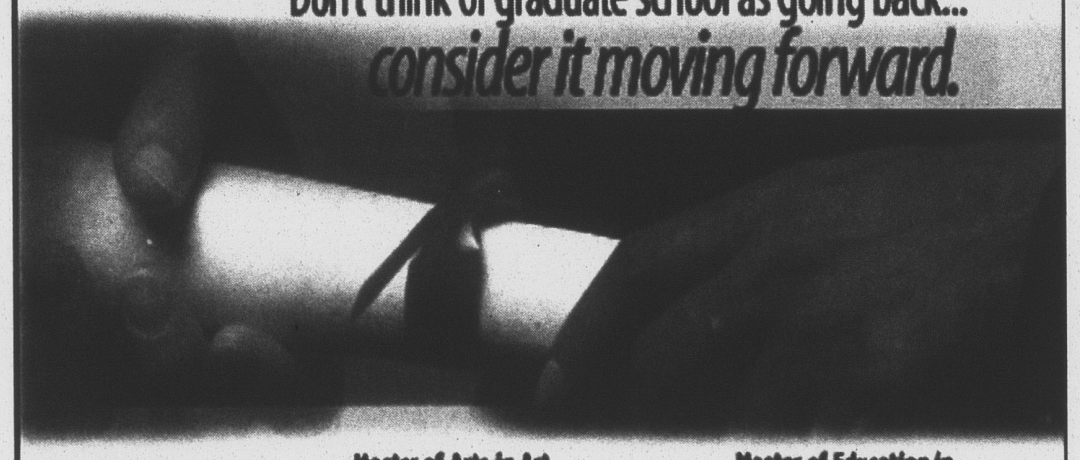
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Give 100 percent and make a difference in the lives of others. Offer service and find success in the thoughtful and compassionate things that you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your social calendar is packed with a variety of different entertainment choices. Have a great time, but practice moderation and avoid spreading yourself too thin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Make connecting with your family and friends a main priority this week. Earmark a period that is specifically for spending some relaxing and quality time together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your ideas, though outside of the norm, do reflect logic and reason. Do not hesitate to share your opinion when approached or asked about a heated topic.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A romantic or financial situation takes a turn in the right direction. Be prepared to move forward with your plans to make changes in these areas.



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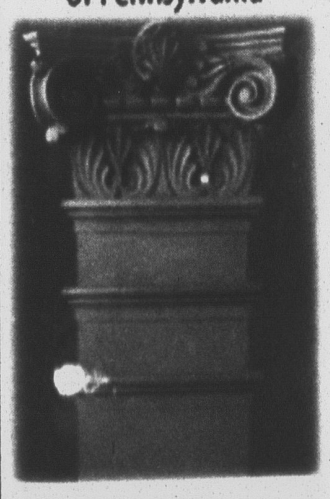

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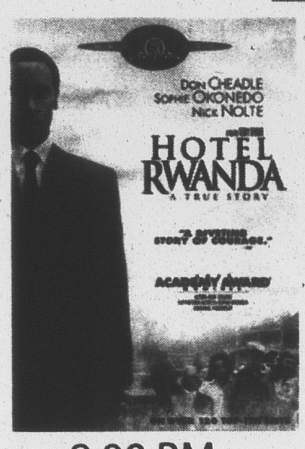

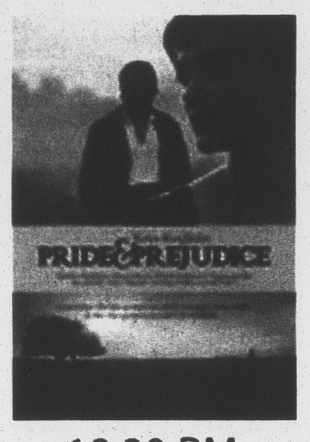

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Mar. 25	Alpha Psi Omega One Acts
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May 6	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

Sculpting your body in 2 weeks

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Well this week I decided to write about the one subject that is quite obvious with spring break just about two weeks away: getting that flat stomach. As we know, it's nearly impossible to look like a swimsuit model when we're at the beach for spring break, but after doing a little research and even more work at the gym for the past few weeks, I feel like I can offer some advice on how to go about burning off those pesky calories before you hop on a plane.

When my friends and I first decided to go to Tampa, Florida for spring break, I was excited to get away and relax. But as the trip grew closer, I realized I really needed to hit the gym if I wanted to be wearing a bikini. So for the past few weeks I have been busting my butt at the gym and it's finally paying off. But so many people I see at the gym really look like they have no clue as to what they're doing there.

Maybe your just not gym savvy or maybe you just need a little guidance. Here are some pointers for those of you looking to lose a few pounds before baring it all on spring break.

*Pick up a magazine. I really like Shape magazine for fitness reading. Not only do they give you lots of fun, new exercises to try, but they include cool recipes and beauty tips as well.

*Give yourself a pat on the back. You get an A for effort if you're a gym rat like me. It takes time, patience and dedication to make it there at least three times a week. Cut yourself a break every once in awhile and take it easy in the gym.

*Switch it up. So many times we stick to the same exercise machines. I know because I'm guilty of it. I always go straight for the elliptical and I work the same muscles all the time. Take a break from the elliptical and jog on the treadmill for a bit. Try a new machine and I'm sure you'll be feeling it the next day.

*Drink lots of water. Make sure you stay hydrated as you work out. A friend of mine once said that if you want to lose five pounds fast, quit drinking pop for two weeks and switch to water. I've tried it and I can tell you it works.

*Eat lots of meals. That's right, you heard me. Eat often, eat as often as you'd like. Just be sure to limit your portions. Ideally, it would be great if we could all eat six small meals a day. I don't know about you, but I barely have time for two or three. By eating smaller meals more often you'll burn more calories and lose the belly flab faster. Try eating cereal and fruit for breakfast, yogurt and pretzels for a snack, a light salad for lunch, veggie nibblers or sun chips for a mid-afternoon snack, and a light dinner with lots of protein and vegetables.

*Buy workout clothes. I know it sounds superficial, but I know I am more apt to go to the gym if I have a cute outfit to wear while I work out. While I haven't yet splurged on workout gear, it's definitely on my to-do list.

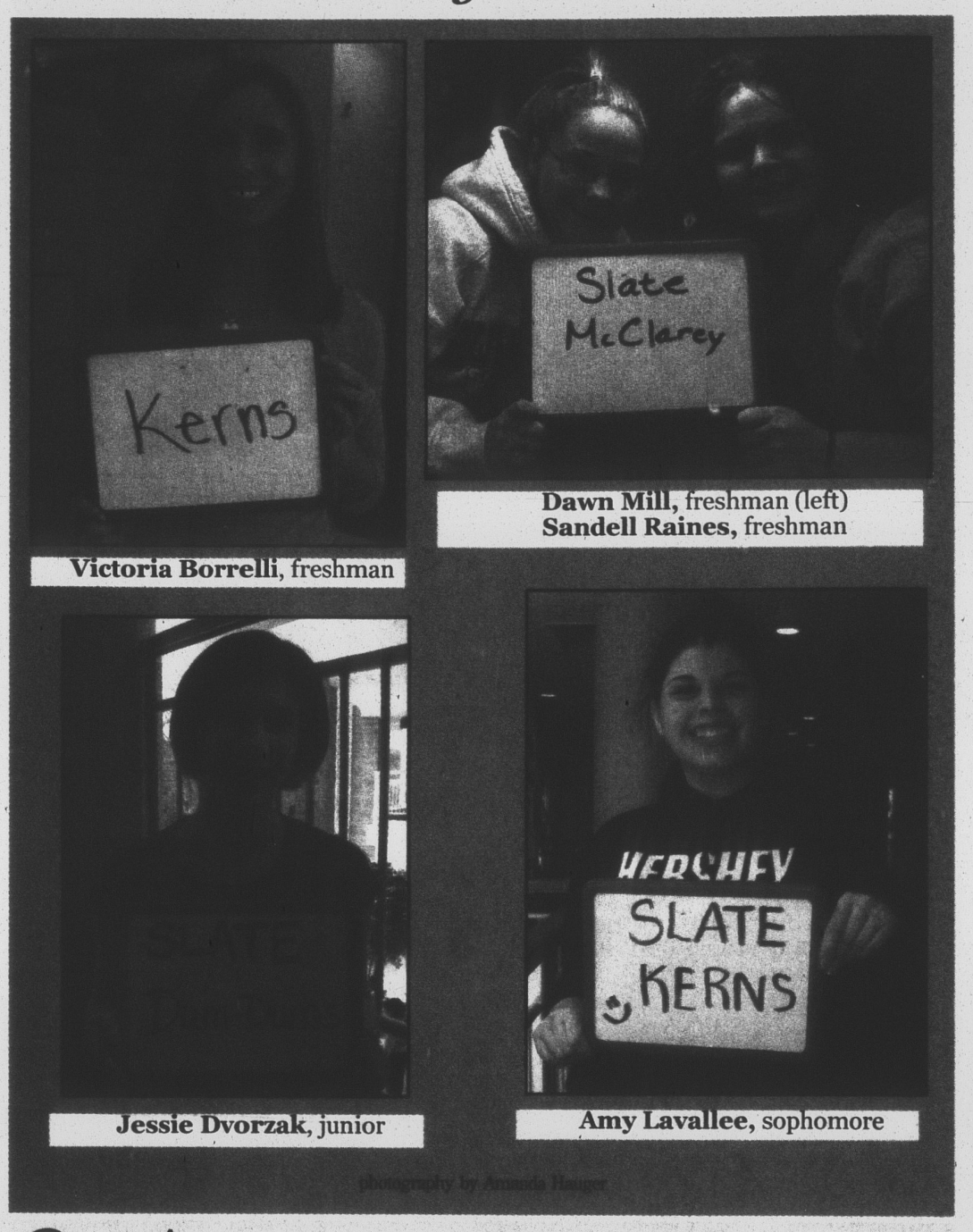
*Try a Pilates or yoga tape. I have this tape called "Ten Minute Pilates." It is wonderful. This really toned woman takes you through all of the exercises in just ten minutes. My roommate and I have a good time doing these, as it is quite humorous and I can definitely see the results.

*Be confident. No matter what your weight or size, nothing is more obvious than a woman who is self conscious in a swimsuit. Buy one that fits (woman typically need one to two sizes larger) and a darker color. This way you can feel good no matter what the scale says.

Hopefully a few of these tips will help you reach your goal of getting in shape for spring break, but if not, don't feel guilty. As you sit on the beach with your toes in the sand I'm sure the last thing you'll be thinking about was the last time you skipped going to the gym.

Question of the Week

Which slate do you want to win?



Victoria Borrelli, freshman

Dawn Mill, freshman (left)
Sandell Raines, freshman

Jessie Dvorzak, junior

Amy Lavallee, sophomore

photography by Amanda Hauger

Hidden Treasures Inside

Natalie goes to bed with Mattress Factory

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Pittsburgh holds countless treasures that are hidden around corners or in camouflaged buildings. Such is the case of the two large brick buildings located on the North Side that are home to Mattress Factory Museum.

The international museum of contemporary art acts as a research and development lab for artists and has hosted room-sized installations since 1977. The institution not only supports professional artists from different regions of the world, but also houses a permanent collection. Meredith Knight, the communication manager of the Mattress Factory, reports that the museum has hosted exhibitions from all over the world.

"We travel to a region and meet artists and gather as much information as possible and then we make a decision on who we would like to come to Pittsburgh," Knight said.

The institution has hosted artists from Cuba, Asia, Eastern Europe and are planning to exhibit work from India in 2007 and Brazil the following year. Not only does the museum host international art, but it also chooses six to twelve residential artists every two years.

The current exhibition runs until April 2, and is a mixture of both resident artists and art from other countries. The theme is "Messages and Communications." Current pieces included the works of Jonathan Callan, Dianne Sammuels and Russel Crotty.

Jonathan Callan's piece is entitled "For Stuart Callan." His piece stuns visitors as they are greeted by a wall made of swirls of color as they enter a room. With closer examination, one will discover that the wall is completely constructed of coverless books drilled together. Knight reports that the books used from the installation were donated from a library that was purging an old collection.

"Jonathan Callan and a few assistant artists first made the center by drilling coverless books together to make a core and then started working on the circular pattern," Knight said. "It soon just grew into a space of its own."

Russel Crotty's "Nightfall" is located on the lower level of the museum and includes seven hanging fiberglass spheres. The museum website said that Crotty studied the night sky of the Santa Monica Mountains through a ten-inch telescope. He then drew miniature sketches in which he transferred onto seven fiberglass spheres ranging from eight to 24 inches in diameter. The drawn landscapes on each sphere are composed of words that represent the note taking process of his observations.

Photo by Natalie Coccia

"For Stuart Callan" by J. Callan.

Diane Sammuels' installation includes intricate and exhausting detail. Her piece entitled "Mapping Sampsonia Way" took six months to complete and showcases the 828-foot long street in photographs of 16" x 24" sections. The 30-foot print illustrates the alley's surface in precise detail with oral histories Samuels overheard during interactions with Sampsonia's residents penciled into its surrounding border. Flat glass covers the piece and viewers can use magnifying glass to read the tiny text.

The Mattress Factory not only hosts temporary artists, but also permanent installations. One of the most interesting artworks is by Yayoi Kusama and entitled "Infinity Dots Mirrored Room" and "Repetitive Vision." These installations act as landmark pieces in the artist's career. According to Knight, Yayoi Kusamas lived in an outpatient mental facility in Japan and these installations brought her back into the art world during this time.

"They are unique in that they are the first permanent pieces of room-sized work by Yayoi Kusama in the United States," Knight said.

Kusama's work takes the visitor into a unique realm. When entering Infinity Dots Mirrored Room, the visitor shuts a seamless door behind them and enters a world of dark lights and surrounding mirrors. The white floor is covered with fluorescent colored dots that reflect off the mirrored ceiling and seem to form a transparent and endless world into darkness.

The walls and ceiling of her second piece are also covered in a seamless array of mirrors. The floor is covered with orange dots and three painted-white female mannequins who inhabit the center of the space. No longer do you feel alone in the room that feels timeless and ceaseless as the mannequins turn into an endless army through the reflection of the mirrors.

"The Museum shows people what creativity is and how it is a part of everybody's lives through the creative process," Knight said.

The building of the Mattress Factory may appear dull with its high brick walls and small windows, but a different and extraordinary world exists inside. With its original art works and never-ending installations that will stir the curiosity of any visitor, the museum is definitely one of Pittsburgh's best treasures.

Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

Q & A with one lucky junior

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a future Power Girl

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Westminster alum (and current communications vice-president of H.J. Heinz) Debbie Foster, Dr. James Perkins, Kristan Kohley and Mrs. Evann Garrison

Kristan Kohley is already interviewing with public relations agencies, networking with Westminster alum, and has interned at Blattner-Brunner and the Pittsburgh Penguins, and she is only a junior.

Kristen, a 21-year old from Saxonburg, PA is a public relations major with a flair for talent. This past January, she made Westminster history by being the first junior recipient of the Renaissance Student Award. The Renaissance awards are like the Academy Awards of Public Relations.

For the past six years, five Westminster students have won the award, but they have all been seniors. This award is handed out to the best PR student in Pennsylvania.

Kristan decided to apply for the award during Christmas break after she was nominated by the faculty. She wrote five essays, included work samples, had two letters of recommendation and also included her transcripts. She was judged by a panel of PRSSA officials out of Point Park College.

Once Kristan was informed she had won the award, she was whisked off to the PRSSA Renaissance Awards banquet in January. She didn't realize she needed a prepared speech, so she decided to wing it. Luckily for her, she is great at speaking on the spot.

"The award has really opened up a lot of doors for me," Kristan said. "It's been a very good opportunity for me."

Not only did Kristan win this prestigious award and a $1,000 cash prize (which she deposited into her savings account), but another great honor has come her way. Last semester, she entered a scholarship competition.

One of the judges from Columbia University was so blown away with her public relations program plan, he published her work. The professor now uses Kristan's PR plan in his classroom.

I would recommend joining PRSSA to all public relations students. It is a great organization to be a part of in college and membership counts towards a job. It's getting a foot in the door which is essential to public relations.

Kristan Kohley

Public relations is a major Kristan enjoys thoroughly.

"There is a lot of variety within public relations. It's a very cool field to be in."

Kristan feels she has had so many opportunities particularly because of her involvement in PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America).

"I would recommend joining PRSSA to all public relations students," Kristan said. "It is a great organization to be a part of in college and membership counts towards a job. It's getting a foot in the door which is essential to public relations."

For now, Kristan will stay active in Lambda Pi Eta (speech communications honor society), Omnicron Delta Kappa, the Holcad and serving as Student Director of the Learning Center.

In her free time, Kristan enjoys reading and considers herself a "car junkie." She loves to travel and recently went to Belize where she went snorkeling and held baby nurse sharks.

Watch out for Kristan Kohley, she may just be the next *Power Girl*!

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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Ed. Note: The names of students on the paper this photo have been obfuscated to protect their identities.

Student injured while walking to class

STUDENT LITERALLY HIT BY A TRUCK

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor in chief

My last though was actually 'Wow, what a pretty day."

Freshman Josh Gagric, victim

Some days you feel like you've been hit by a truck, but for freshman biology major Josh Gagric- he really was. On Monday morning February 27, Gagric was walking-on the curb-from his Russel dorm, past the field house and straight to his 8:10 biology class. While walking, he recalls smiling to himself-noting how not a flake of snow sat on the grass, and, for that, Gagric was grateful.

"My last thought was actually 'Wow, what a pretty day,'" Gagric said.

But Garrett wouldn't remain in those high spirits for long.

Seconds later, Gagric was hit by what eye-witness freshman chemistry major Bobby Kerr says was a four-thousand pound truck. "He got smacked," Kerr said.

"He got smacked hard…he basically flew in the air."

Kerr says, for a few seconds, he didn't think anything of it. After all, he was driving to class and didn't notice anything abnormal in the 2002 GMC Sierra 15-10 slowly reversing down the incline Russel road.

He thought, for sure, there was a reason why the maintenance truck was going backwards.

"But then it [the truck] began to pick up," Kerr said. "Then it was going…going faster, faster and faster," Kerr said.

In an instant, Kerr says he couldn't believe his eyes. After nearly crushing Gagert and pushing him out of the way, Kerr said, "that truck rammed and totaled a big SUV." Seconds later, a domino effect damaged more than two other cars parked in front of the field house.

It was here where Kerr realized this was a real runaway truck; no one was driving, and it was here when Kerr gassed his vehicle speeding down the incline hill–rushing to his friend's side.

Kerr saw that Gagric was cognizant but more than a bit out of it.

"I asked him if he could get up," Kerr said. "He could, but he kept saying he couldn't put weight onto his right shoulder." Gagric got up, but was promptly told by the newly arrived campus security to rest-remain on the ground.

When help came, Gagric was then lifted up onto a gurney, put into a neck brace and ambulanced to Jameson Hospital.

Lucky for Gagric, he didn't have any life-threatening injuries; he was released the same day diagnosed with a sprained hip. In fact, Gagric wasn't given a single pain pill: On Tuesday, however, Gagric complained of excruciating pain. On a scale of one to ten, Gagric said this pain was registered at least an 8.

One important thing to know about Gagric is he's a Titan football player and has always struggled with hip

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Passport to... Westminster?

Find out what happens to international students over spring break, Page A- 5

Campus statistic of the week

Number of students doing an internship in 2005

139

Source: Career Center

Internet discretion: *Students using social networking web sites should be careful what they post online*

By Jeremy Lawler
Campus writer

Social networking websites like Facebook.com and Myspace.com have raised security concerns for many students and institutions.

Students are strongly cautioned to think before they post online. According to the Facebook.com website, "you are solely responsible for the content, photos or profiles Content that you publish or display on the Service, or transmit to other Members."

Katie Edmiston, Assistant director of the Career Center, advises students to consider the impact that can come out of this type of internet behavior.

"If employers can get access to it, anyone can," Edmiston said. "At other institutions, students have been denied internships based on content that employers have found on Facebook."

More and more institutions across the nation have taken an active role in adjudicating complaints against content posted on Facebook.

Last year, two incidents requested judicial action, however, no one was prosecuted. At that time, the campus decided to not get involved in matters regarding public domain websites.

Facebook has opened up a large Pandora's Box in the Student Affairs office. Neal Edman, Dean of Student Affairs, who has a Facebook account of his own, admits that photos posted online may violate college policies.

"Someone at an institution should make at least a presence to safeguard, as best we

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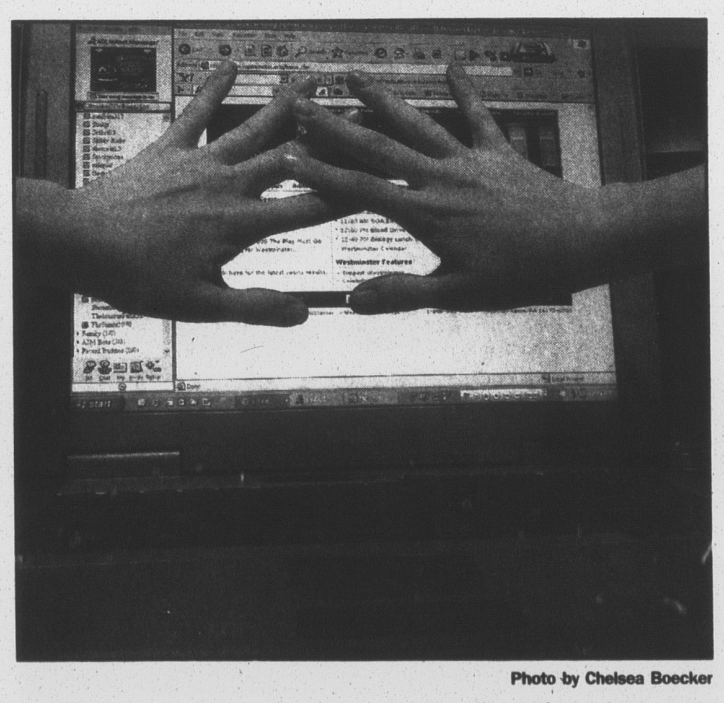

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Students, beware: remember to use discretion when posting things on social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace.

Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®

Friday: Mostly cloudy with snow showers, 28/16
Saturday: Periods of sun w/ flurries, 32/20
Sunday: Party sunny, 37/21

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Our View: No rug can cover this

It came to light this past week that a Westminster student, acting alone or with others, has created a "hit list" that names a number of other Westminster students.

Public Safety, Student Affairs and Residence Life are all aware of it. Each has provided a varying degree of information to *The Holcad*.

The Holcad's job is not to pursue any sort of criminal investigation - this is something which the college and the students on the list should take to the proper authorities. However, it is well within the scope of *The Holcad* to find facts and address the administration's handling of the situation.

A simple Google News search for the phrase "hit list" turns up dozens of cases (with new occurrences every day) where students of all ages have made hit lists and are now facing felony charges.

If a hit list like this were to be discovered in a grade school setting, the student(s) involved would be suspended, and even considered for expulsion under most schools' zero tolerance policies. The school would call the student's parents – no matter where they are – and tell them to come and get their child immediately.

The Holcad feels that the college has not taken proper action to ensure the safety and security of its students. The college has also not been as forthcoming as it should be in providing information to *The Holcad* and to the external media.

We realize that the situation is still developing. However, the college should serve as a willing source of first-hand information in order to ensure the accuracy of any reporting, and not simply shrug off questions, thus forcing reporters to resort to second-hand and possibly biased information.

Facts fight rumor; facts keep the story from being blown out of proportion.

If the college is afraid that news of a hit list would reflect poorly upon the school and its students, it is correct. Surely, any parent would be concerned for the safety of their student in a situation such as this.

However, the college could cause damage to its reputation should it not handle this hit list as a very serious threat. It doesn't matter whether Westminster is private or public or whether the list was actually a joke - it's still a hit list made by a mature human being: someone capable of understanding right and wrong; someone capable of taking the life of another.

The Holcad called the Public Safety department or its equivalent at a number of local colleges and asked how each would handle such a situation. All whom we contacted would consider a hit list a serious threat and the investigation of it a top priority. One of the colleges would remove the student from the dorm without a second thought. The student would still be allowed to attend classes, though.

"Things are very different now than they were 20 to 30 years ago," said one of the directors of security with whom we spoke. "[We have to] take these things seriously."

Many of the students involved have already retained lawyers, and it's safe to assume the college has readied its own defense.

The Holcad recognizes that the college officials handling the situation are highly qualified but questions their stance on the following:

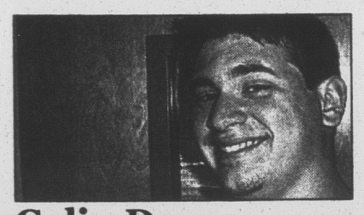
How can the college heavily penalize students caught drinking in their rooms and students caught in the living quarters of the opposite sex after visiting hours, yet downplay a bona fide, written threat on the lives of any of its students? As of this writing, the student would have been penalized more had they parked where they shouldn't have.

This truth we know: the college must address the situation appropriately and inform students about how it addressed the situation if it wants to properly defend itself from a public relations disaster when the story reaches the outside media.

Students here are far too well-connected for the school to simply brush something so serious under the rug and let the offending student(s) off with a slap on the wrist. Students here have connections to other colleges, to law enforcement officials, to elected officials at all levels of government and to all levels of print, television and Internet media.

This volatile situation could explode, and explosions are bad for everybody.

Level 21: You can now consume alcohol



Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

In a short while, I'll be 21. I'll be able to rent a car and finally be able to enter contests to win one at the mall with my own name rather than my parents'.

Most prominently, though, I'll be able to drink alcohol on American soil.

But who says that I couldn't drink now, before I'm 21? I'll bet that about 40 percent of college students are 21 and over. That leaves 60 percent, including me, who are underage and cannot legally drink alcohol.

In the United States.

However, if we underagers drive a little under four hours in just about any northerly direction, we are suddenly legal. If you didn't already figure it out, our "friendly neighbor to the north" has deemed that 19-years-olds can drink alcohol.

What gives? What makes Canadians better than us in such a way that they can legally drink two full years before we Americans?

Are they a more advanced subspecies of human? After a bit of research, common sense kicked in. No, they are not biologically different.

Does the cold have something to do with it? I doubt it. The U.S. has cities and states that are farther from the equator than many Canadian cities and provinces, and those Americans can't drink.

Hockey? I asked a few friends who love hockey just as much as an average Canadian, and they couldn't drink before they turned 21.

Maple leaves? No. Bacon? No. Terrence and Philip? Haha, no.

I wondered for a bit longer then shifted my focus to more…ethereal areas.

Are Canadian 19-year-olds more responsible that our 19-year-olds? Possibly, but unlikely. I'll admit that I don't know many Canadians, but the ones I do know are just like us, except for the accent and my need to continually convert their metric measurements to American.

I then looked at other countries' legal ages: Mexico: 19; Australia: 18; France: 16; Spain: 18.

Our own students abroad and in the Oxford program can drink all they want the moment they step off the plane in the U.K.

What gives?

The United States is still holding on to its traditional, conservative, Prohibitionist and Puritanical beliefs that alcohol is evil. Sure, alcohol in large amounts is still bad for one's body, but there is little wrong with social drinking.

Our education system, including higher education, still preaches "don't do it" and then teaches little, if anything all about it, besides the drilling of pictures of a liver with cirrhosis into our brains in health classes. Preaching moderation like the rest of the world would fix a lot of problems and potentially reduce the number of alcohol-related deaths all over the country. Perhaps then we could focus our law enforcement efforts on more violent threats like rape and child abuse.

Besides being considered by the government to be more educated and more responsible when I turn 21, what else happens in the moment I turn 21?

I liken it to leveling up in a video game or table-top role playing game. Leveling up gives the player's character more health, more intelligence, more moxy, more of any of the tens of statistics used to describe a character's physical, emotional and social attributes after the character has gained a defined amount of experience or has accomplish a great task.

In some games, characters earn the ability to fly or pick up heavy objects with inhuman strength. In the more arcane games, characters can cast spells and summon creatures to fight for them.

If the government thinks I've "leveled up" enough to be able to drink, will I suddenly be able to fly on March 12? Will I be able to throw yellow-stickered cars parked in the Eichenauer lot into the lake? Will I have a bat, jaguar, or zombie at my side, ready to devour those who oppose me? Hardly.

The age difference is frivolous. Having the legal age that much below the rest of the world does nothing positive. People under 21 are still going to drink, even if they have to go to Canada to do so. Then we have a bunch of American kids drunk in another country, and they have no idea how to take care of themselves because they've never been taught how to take care of someone when they're drunk.

Multitudes of studies over the last 50 years have proven that decreasing the legal age causes little increase in alcohol-related deaths. And, the change wouldn't be immediate. It would still take decades for the change to really affect the United States.

C'mon, America: get with the program. Shed your traditionalist beliefs and listen to what science–and the rest of the world–has to say.

Packed like an anal retentive rat

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

I heard a word that I had been avoiding for the past couple of weeks: midterms.

Granted, it's nothing that I'm not used to. I've been doing midterms since early middle school, and it doesn't really come as a surprise to me that they're rapidly approaching again. However, hearing that word made me stop and think that these will be my last round of midterms ever. Next year, there isn't going to be any testing on what I know. I'll either know it or not. End of argument.

It's not that 'time has flown' or that my four years at Westminster 'were done in a flash.' Rather, it's quite the contrary: I was aware of every single second that I blew off work to play video games or sleep. After all, four years is a long time. If I couldn't remember what I did here, then it would kind of be like I wasted a large chunk of my life going to college in the first place.

I've been avoiding thinking about midterms, because that's the halfway point of the semester. I don't have a whole lot of time left here. Normally that thought would make me panic for a good hour or so. I mean, I've been in school for a long, long time. Pre-school was a quite a few years ago. I'd count them, but I did math in my last article and don't really care to do it again anytime in the near future.

However, as much as I wonder where I'm going to end up after this 'higher learning' thing is done, the only thing I could think of when I got back to my room was this:

Where the heck did I get all of this crap?

It's a long running joke that college students have no pocket money. So where did I pick up fifteen pads of post-it notes, two graphing calculators, three cell phones (two don't work), two boxes of rice, a drawer full of toys (and a crudely done origami monkey), twelve working pens, a clay statue of a monster, a 'space shooter with light', two kinds of carpet cleaner, four never before used tuperware containers, the original box from the Nintendo game 'Kirby's Adventure', and about one-hundred and fifty clean pieces of printer paper?

Well, I guess the better question at this point would be 'am I going to be able to fit this all in my car when it comes time to leave?' Well, I guess if that was all I had, I'd be fine, but, add that to my clothes, books, notebooks, and storage shelves and what you get is about two, maybe three carloads.

Another thing that's running through my head today: Is every college student the same way? At the end of their higher learning program, do they suddenly wake up and suddenly realize how much they've mysteriously gathered in four years?

You know what would be a neat idea? A yard sale! It would give us a chance to sell our useless crap to the underclassmen for a fraction of what it cost to get them. Kind of like the bookstore. Yeah, that'd be a neat idea. Someone should get started organizing it. Let me know when it is.

I'll bring the purple gorilla stress ball I yoinked from an activities fair a few years ago.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. The stress ball is quite a weapon against rats.

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Runaway Truck Strikes WC Student

Doctors at a local hospital treated a Westminster student Monday after a runaway truck hit him. Biology major Josh Gagric of Beaver Falls suffered a bruised shoulder and sprained hip when the truck hit him while he was walking on campus near his residence hall. College officials say the truck parked near Russell Hall rolled backward into the Memorial Field House parking lot.

The say it appears the student was walking down the hill when the pickup ran into him. It then plowed into a parked car causing a chain reaction with other parked vehicles. Investigators think the pickup may have somehow slipped out of gear. The New Wilmington Police are investigating. Damage to the other vehicles appeared to be minor.

Troopers see increase in meth labs

State police say more and more methamphetamine labs are springing up these days in Western Pennsylvania. A state police report shows troopers responses to meth labs jumped from 19 five years ago to more than 124 last year. Police say meth is not new to the region. However, the spike in meth labs reported shows how much the drug is growing in popularity in our area.

Escaped buffalo struck by truck

The Forbes Buffalo Farm in Hickory Township is one buffalo short after an accident late Friday night. The Hickory Township Police Chief says the buffalo escaped from the farm and wound up in the middle of the route 108. A pickup truck ran into the animal. The Buffalo caused heavy damage to the front of the truck, but the driver and two passengers were okay. The chief says they had to put down the injured buffalo.

Weaver's

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. Who faced the U.S. Supreme Court this week over a showdown involving millions of dollars from an inheritance?

a. Jessica Simpson
b. Michael Jackson
c. Star Jones
d. Anna Nicole Smith
e. Kathy Griffin

2. According to New Castle police, where were the drug rings from that controlled the local crack cocaine market?

a. New Castle
b. New York
c. Youngstown
d. Detroit
e. Pittsburgh

3. Identify the college that claimed the PAC men's basketball championship over the weekend.

a. Waynesburg College
b. W & J College
c. Allegheny College
d. Bethany College
e. Grove City

4. Identify the celebrity who passed away last weekend.

a. Actor John Ritter.
b. Actor Andy Griffith.
c. Pop singer Laura Branigan.
d. Actor Don Knotts.
e. Actor Carol O'Conner.

5. What kind of critter did a driver hit with his truck last Friday night on Route 108 in Hickory Township?

a. a reindeer
b. an ostrich
c. a turkey
d. a buffalo
e. a groundhog

6. Who is suing shock jock Howard Stern over a breach of contract?

a. Robin Quivers
b. Star Jones
c. Sirius Satellite Radio
d. CBS/Viacom
e. NBC/Universal

7. Where did President Bush make a surprise visit this week?

a. Ohio
b. United Arab Emirates
c. The Academy Award ceremonies in Los Angeles
d. Afghanistan
e. Iraq

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Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Ripped from the Wire

Regional

Shoeshiner raises $1,000 for Pittsburgh hospital from tips

Selfless shoeshiner

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A man who started shining shoes at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 1982 set a goal of donating $100,000 in tips to a hospital fund for poor children.

Albert Lexie on Tuesday was honored by the hospital's administration, staff and other friends for reaching that milestone. Lexie, 63, of Monessen, received a commemorative plaque; a second plaque will be placed at the hospital.

"It is inspiring to see what Albert has achieved through his hard work, generosity and dedication to the patients and families of Children's," said Roger A. Oxendale, the hospital's president and CEO. "Even after nearly a quarter of a century, Albert remains motivated by one thing: to help families in a time of need."

Lexie charges $3 for a shoeshine, which he does at the hospital using a box he built at age 15 in his high school shop class. He takes a bus to the hospital twice a week and donates tips from his business to the Free Care Fund, which allows children to receive medical care regardless of their family's ability to pay.

"I always like to say, Jerry has his kids and I have mine," Lexie said, referring to Jerry Lewis' telethon for children with muscular dystrophy.

He also collects donations. In January, Lexie appeared on a television talk show and an anonymous donor pledged the money that put him over the $100,000 mark.

In 2001, Lexie received an Association of Fundraising Professionals Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the organization's Western Pennsylvania Chapter. In 1997, he received a Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Citizen.

National

Smithsonain museum announces collecting bid for hip-hop exhibit

Hip-hop hits the Smithsonian

NEW YORK (AP) - Standing at a podium, legendary hip-hop artist Grandmaster Flash, a bright orange hoodie sprouting from under his white leather jacket, shared the story of how he fell in love with vinyl records and turntables while growing up in the Bronx.

His father, a railroad worker and serious collector of vinyl records, wouldn't let him go near the closet where he kept them. But young Flash, despite the punishments, played the records anyway.

He went on to become one of hip-hop's pioneering disc jockeys of the early 1970s, assembling one of rap's first groups, Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five, and elevating the role of DJ to an art form with such techniques as cutting, scratching and mixing.

"My contribution is: I was the first DJ to make the turntable an instrument," Flash, who recently lorded over turntables at an official Winter Olympics party in Italy, said with the swagger central to hip-hop culture.

He spoke Tuesday at an announcement by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History of its plans to immortalize hip-hop culture in an exhibit. The museum's director, Brent D. Glass, unveiled the museum's collecting initiative, "Hip-Hop Won't Stop: The Beat, The Rhymes, The Life."

"This is truly an historic occasion," Glass said.

The project will gather artifacts, oral histories and other multimedia components tracing hip-hop's evolution from a Bronx pastime in the 1970s to today's global cultural juggernaut. It's projected to cost as much as $2 million and take up to five years to finish.

On display on tables at the Manhattan hotel where the announcement was held were items donated by hip-hop pioneers including gangsta rapper-turned-television star Ice-T, MC Lyte, Afrika Bambaataa and DJ Kool Herc. All but Lyte attended the announcement.

Lyte was among the first female rappers to take on hip-hop's misogyny and sexism and was the first to garner a gold single. She donated her diary from 2002. It read, in part, "God provides us with unlimited power to achieve our goals and pushes us beyond what we thought we were capable of."

Flash gave a Technics turntable, which he calls his "war table," a vinyl copy of 1978's "Bustin' Loose Part 1," his trademark black and white customized Kangol hat and a mixer.

Ice-T, the only West Coast rapper at the announcement, handed over a framed poster for his 1991 single "New Jack Hustler" and two versions of his 1993 CD "Home Invasion," the first of which his record label never released because of creative differences. He released it himself.

"Hip-hop didn't need to be validated," Ice-T said after the announcement. "Hip-hop never asked for acceptance. But we got it, and that's a wonderful thing."

Afrika Bambaataa, a DJ who in 1982 organized the first European hip-hop tour, donated his jacket bearing black nationalist Marcus Garvey's name and image, a red fez and a poster of the Source magazine's 50th issue cover, which he graced with Flash and Herc.

Herc, who blasted the "hooliganism" in hip-hop today, said he planned to donate an amplifier, a Technics SL-1100 turntable from the early 1970s and speakers.

Def Jam Records cofounder Russell Simmons gave away a wooden advertisement for Phat Farm, the clothing company he started.

Glass, the museum's director, said the curator's central challenge will be putting together a musical exhibit requiring multimedia components rather than merely stationary objects _ and putting it together to tell an interesting story.

Crazy Legs, a breakdancer of the Rocksteady Crew, said he looked forward to seeing that story in a Smithsonian museum.

"The thing I'm most proud of," he said, "is that one day my son and his lady and his kids will be able to go to the Smithsonian and check out his dad."

International

Publishers lawyer in 'DaVinci Code' case says ideas too general for copyright.

DaVinci Code lawsuit

LONDON (AP) - A lawyer for the publisher of the "The Da Vinci Code" argued in court Tuesday that ideas which two writers claim were stolen for Dan Brown's blockbuster novel are so general they are not protected by copyright.

Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh, authors of the 1982 nonfiction book "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail," are suing publisher Random House, claiming that parts of their work formed the basis of Brown's 2003 novel, which has sold more than 40 million copies. The lawsuit, if successful, could delay the scheduled May opening of the Tom Hanks film based on Brown's novel.

The publisher's lawyer, John Baldwin, said the claim by Baigent and Leigh "relates to and seeks to monopolize ideas at such a high level of generality that they are not protected by copyright."

Brown, who is expected to testify next week, was in court for the second day of the trial. It was expected to recess later in the day until next Tuesday, providing time for the judge, Peter Smith, to read both books and related texts.

If Baigent and Leigh _ whose work claimed Jesus married Mary Magdalene, that the couple had a child and that the bloodline survives _ succeed in securing an injunction to bar the use of their material, they could hold up the May 19 release of "The Da Vinci Code" film, starring Tom Hanks and Ian McKellen.

Sony Pictures said it planned to release the film as scheduled.

Baldwin said many important themes of "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail" did not feature in "The Da Vinci Code," particularly the idea that a secretive order called the Priory of Sion exists and seeks to restore descendants of Jesus Christ to the thrones of Europe.

Baldwin said this was a "massive point" in the earlier book but was not stressed by Brown.

Baigent, born in New Zealand, and Leigh, originally from the United States, are suing Random House, which also published their book.

The company denies the claim and chief executive Gail Rebuck said in a statement she believed the lawsuit was without merit.

The book's third writer, Henry Lincoln, is not involved in the case.

Jonathan Rayner James, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said Monday that his clients were not attempting to "stultify creative endeavor" or to claim a monopoly on ideas or historical debate, but to prove Brown had "relied heavily" on the earlier work, published in Britain in 1982 and the following year in the United States.

Baldwin said Brown developed most of the central ideas of his book independently.

"He found the ideas that he wanted to use in his novel before either he or his wife had looked at 'The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail,'" Baldwin said. "The story line was very well developed. He had the ideas in place, and decided to use them."

Baldwin said many of the ideas the claimants sought to protect were not original.

"They are ideas the claimants have taken from other sources," he said.

Brown's book also was the target of a previous lawsuit. In 2005, a U.S. judge in New York ruled that his book did not infringe on the copyrights of "Daughter of God," by Lewis Perdue. The judge also ruled out any copyright violations of Perdue's 1983 novel, "The Da Vinci Legacy."

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Campus News

What do you wanna be?

——Today's market ripe for graduating seniors

By David Greig
Campus writer

With the semester half-way done, many ideas are running through the minds of students, for example summer jobs, seeing old friends from high school, but what about the seniors?

For them it is a question of future employment, and stepping into the "real world."

But what about before the "real world?" a student can participate in an internship to further their knowledge in the area of their studies and gives students an opportunity to see what life will be like after college.

In 2004 from the spring term to the fall term Westminster had 179 students sign up for internships; however, this year from the spring term to the fall term 139 students signed up for internships.

And while there are 40 fewer students involved with internships in it does not have anything to say about the senior class.

Senior music education major Katie Schultz, had this to say about life after college, "I'm really excited about being out there, teaching young kids about music," she said, "But I'm also a little worried about being able to find a job, and being successful at it."

In 2001, 328 students graduated, and out of those 328 students 260 responded to a survey that was mailed out from the school, which had a 76 percent response rate. Out of the 206, 163 are currently employed, and 44 are employed and attending graduate school or seeking further education.

That accounts for 207, but what about the other 53 graduates? According to the survey 46 out of the remaining 53 are seeking further education only, 4 did not finish filling out the survey, 2 are not seeking employment or education and 1 is seeking employment. So out of the 260 surveyed, 97 percent are currently employed and/or seeking further education.

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Senior Katie Schultz

So while there are many things to consider before stepping out into the working force, it would appear that the students are more then ready. And it is natural to be afraid and concerned, however the same thing can be said about attending college for the first time as well. But in the end the students become adapted to their new surroundings as will the graduates of 2005-2006.

Contributed Photo

Sisters Diana and Liz Farry ('04 and '07, respectively) pause for a moment during some fun.

Lil' Sibling Chivalry

For one weekend, kin get along

By Kelly Corbin
Campus writer

Lil' Sibs weekend is an added benefit to the college's admissions office, but it is not intended to recruit potential students.

Sponsored by Campus Programming Council, Lil' Sibs weekend will kickoff with registration on Friday, Mar. 2 in the Berlin Lounge. Big and little siblings will be able to make photo buttons, play games and get their faces painted. No special tours or official college recruitment happenings are planned for Lil' Sibs weekend, but events for older siblings are incorporated into the weekend such as a retro dance, karaoke, Night Owl Bowling, and Titan's Tavern with J.D. Eicher, Rebecca Bailey and The Valley Below performing.

"Admissions sees us as a perk, but Lil' Sibs is not designed to recruit siblings as students," Lil' Sibs Coordinator Megan Swank said. "The purpose is to allow younger siblings to spend time with older siblings who have moved out of the house."

Always coinciding with the Dance Theatre performance, this year's Hollywood themed Lil' Sibs weekend will include activities for siblings of all ages such as a scavenger hunt, movies, a pool party, antique photos, inflatable Twister, a moon bounce and a movie premier themed dinner.

"Anytime we can have teenagers on campus is always a plus," Doug Swartz Dean of Admissions said. "They quickly get attached to the beautiful campus and the friendly people."

If someone does not have a younger brother or sister, cousins and neighbors are also welcome for Lil' Sibs weekend to attend an activity such as Alpha Phi Omega's story hour or a movie. The movies this weekend were chosen to be appropriate for big and little siblings alike and appeal to college students as well. "The Chronicles of Narnia" and "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" will show Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the theater.

If a movie does not interest a younger sibling, there is also a tennis match to attend or the "And Then There Were None" performance in Beeghly Theater.

"Although she's already decided where she wants to go to school, I'm still so excited for my little sister to come visit," sophomore Kate Molinaro said. "We don't get to spend a lot of time together when I'm home on break because she's in school, so this weekend will be great for us to spend some time together away from mom and dad."

Money can't buy you love

But it can at least get you a date

2006 Theta Chi date auction

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

This Thursday, Mar. 9, at 7 p.m., students will parade themselves in front of what is planned to be a packed audience in Berlin Student Lounge for a great cause—Theta Chi's annual date auction.

Two members from each Greek sorority, fraternity, and two independent males and females will be auctioned off next week to raise money to be evenly split between the Sandy Edmiston scholarship and the Coral Zeigler and Dr. William "Doc" McTaggart memorial funds—each of these individuals touched the Westminster College community, and had their lives sadly cut short this year.

Each year the brothers of Theta Chi select causes that touch the college community and donate one-hundred percent of the proceeds to benefit that cause.

"A date auction is an event where we take volunteers from our campus and auction them off to the highest bidder," said Theta Chi's philanthropy chair Ryan Brolley. "The winner will receive, along with his or her date, an all-expenses paid meal to a restaurant that they select at random."

The date auction began two years ago in response to a periodicals employee who was diagnosed with bone cancer, Dwight Copper. The college generously emerged to support Copper, raising over $1,000 to help relieve his medical expenses. Last year the campus charitably rose over $3,500 to support Theta Chi brother Ronald Bake, who suffered from a tragic car accident.

"It's a really great cause, and it really has the potential to impact an individual's life," says donation-recipient, and now honorary Theta Chi brother, Copper. "Hopefully it will continue to help others as it has helped me."

In addition to auctioning off dates, a 50/50 raffle for money will be held, and a Chinese auction will award winners with various donated items from local business and restaurants ranging from gift cards to salon packages.

"I'm really nervous about being in it," says Zeta Tau Alpha auctionee Ashley Linnelli. "I have never been in a date auction before, but I know the money raised from the auction benefits a very good cause. I really hope everyone comes out this Thursday to support it. I know if everyone comes, we, as a campus, can make a difference."

Students being auctioned:

Sigma Kappa:
Aimee Gerber
Laura Zorch
Jenna Shaw

Phi Mu:
Meghan Kennedy
Nanette Tomicek

Alpha Gamma Delta:
Jessie Goldie

Zeta Tau Alpha:
Chrissy Cole
Kimmy Clute
Cubbey Linnelli

Kappa Delta:
Devon Smith
Diana Peet

Independent Females:
Courtney Kremer
Chelsea Boecker

Alpha Sigma Phi:
Michael Henninger
Jeff Brownlee

Phi Kappa Tau:
John Nagy
Josh Anderson

Theta Chi:
Tom Burkhart
Seth McClarey
Josh Hensler

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Deadline extended to Wednesday, March 22nd!

The Holcad will pick the top 5 winners and feature them in a future issue. Votes will be taken to name the best in show on Friday, March 31th.

More news from around the campus

Passport to campus

International students tour country during break

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

Although there are only a few international students on campus this semester, Jeff Bersett, Director of Off-Campus Study, and many other faculty members hope for more to arrive in the fall of 2006. Bersett took the position almost two years ago and has received an abundance of help and support from the administration.

"Expanding the exchange program is difficult," Bersett said. "First, we need to get students from here interested in studying abroad." Unless students from Westminster are interested in going abroad, potential students from other countries are difficult to come by.

"It is easier to start by building a credit in other countries, rather than a debt," Bersett said.

While on campus, there are many ways these students are perceived as set apart, but "we encourage them to act like normal students," said Bersett. "Generally, we haven't heard much of a peep from these guys."

Of course, each international student needs to obtain a VISA from their native country and this, in turn, needs to be approved by the Admissions Office on campus. Sometimes this process proves to be difficult, as was the case for Thokozani Mbewe, a full time international student from Malawi. In order to obtain a VISA, Thoko needed his passport, sufficient academic qualifications and his bank statements.

"When I went to get my VISA, my bank statements didn't show that I had enough money to go to America," Thoko said. Because of this, a friend of his from Iowa volunteered to help pay for his education in America.

Patrick Donnelly, an exchange student from Ireland, came through the program BEI. Last year, the program took around 165 students from Ireland to America.

"I know a good few of them," Donnelly said, "and each go to different colleges around the country."

Donnelly did not experience as much frustration as Thoko when obtaining his VISA from the U.S. Embassy in Ireland.

"It was a pretty simple process for me," Donnelly said.

The only problem that did occur for him involved driving the entire three and a half hours back to his home in Ireland once he had already reached the airport. Because he forgot his I20 form, which allows him to study in America, he was not permitted to take his scheduled flight. Instead, he had to leave for America the following day.

Over spring break, both students will of course be traveling. "I'm going to San Diego, Las Vegas and Chicago with some of my friends from Ireland," Donnelly said.

So far, his experience on campus has been "just grand," Donnelly said, "Everybody's really friendly to the Irish kid!"

Mbewe, on the other hand, will be heading down to Mississippi to assist with Katrina relief along with about thirty others from campus.

SGA changes meeting time to Thursday

By Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

SGA will be changing its meeting day to Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

SGA recognized that many classes are held Wednesday night, its previous meeting day, and that these classes may keep students from becoming senators or attending the meeting as members of the student body.

"As far as I know, SGA has never changed its meeting day since its inception," recently elected president Matt Kerns said.

"It's important that students and especially faculty know that the day has changed so that they can be aware of it when scheduling night classes."

The primary reason for the move was to make sure that the maximum number of students could participate in SGA.

"I want to keep people interested in SGA, and one of the ways of doing this is meeting at a convenient time for the greatest amount of students," Kerns said.

Social

Students should be careful what they post online

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can against that kind of behavior," Edman said. "We are really going to be timid about approaching this judicially, unless it is flagrantly clear to us that it is a violation to college policy and injurious."

Any registered member of Facebook, with a .edu address can access student accounts and Facebook and Myspace are not the only Web sites where employers may conduct background checks. Google image searches, Collegehumor.com and many other sites may contain photos posted online that could cause a job application to be turned away. What is posted to the internet today becomes "free game," to employers and cyber stalkers alike.

National sororities and fraternities also need to be cautious when it involves posting online. Incriminating photos may be in clear violation of national by-laws as well as the institution. Student Affairs has taken action based on pictures posted to Facebook by sororities involving alcohol, requesting that these photos be removed.

However, questions arise in response to photos posted online. How can one prove that alcohol is really in the picture? What if someone has used Photoshop® to alter the photo? These are all questions Student Affairs has considered and may remain unanswered.

Sophomore Susan DiFonzo explains how she feels that Facebook is slowly being taken away from her.

"When I first signed up for Facebook, I thought it was a great way to get to know others on campus," DiFonzo said. "Now I feel that Student Affairs is slowly taking away our privacy rights."

Doc Alert

UTI (Urinary Tract Infections)

Hello Titans! This article will be most informative to the ladies, sorry guys! Pain or burning when urinating, frequent need to urinate, urgent need to urinate , blood in the urine, and discomfort in the middle of the lower abdomen (suprapubic pain) are the most common presenting symptoms of a UTI.

Urinary tract infection (UTI) is one of the most common infections that brings people to the doctor's office, especially for young, sexually active women. Approximately 50 percent of adult women report that they have had a UTI at some time during their life.

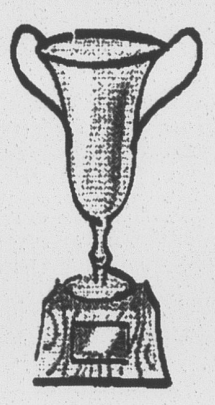
Bacteria do not normally live in the urinary tract, which includes the kidneys, bladder, and proximal urethra. When bacteria enter the urinary tract and begin to multiply, they can cause a UTI. The overwhelming majority of UTIs are infections of the bladder.

The majority of UTIs are caused by the bacterium Escherichia coli (E. coli), which is one of the most common organisms found in stool. Fecal contamination can lead to entry of an organism such as E. coli into the urethra. These bacteria then move up into the bladder (and sometimes ascend into the kidney), producing infection. E. coli have certain properties that assist this organism in causing UTI, such as the ability to adhere to the lining cells of the urethra and bladder.

Sexual activity is the greatest risk factor for developing UTI's, however there are many young women who develop symptoms that do not have this risk factor. If you have any of the symptoms listed above you should come to the Student Health Center(SHC), ignoring them could lead to a very serious condition called pyelonephritis (kidney infection). When you arrive at the SHC a urine analysis will be done and if positive for bacteria, antibiotics will be started immediately.

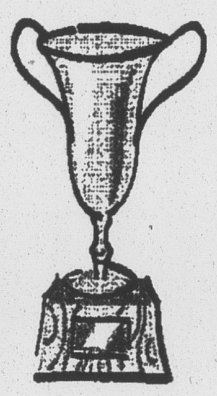
For more information about preventing UTI's, stop into the SHC for a detailed handout. OR check out the U.S. National Library of Medicine website : www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/urinarytractinfections.html

Yours truly,
Doc Gardner



Got a Favorite Professor?

Want to Let Everyone Know?



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Campus News

Mile high club

The Holcad's guide to keep you soaring over break

By Natalie Coccia
Campus writer

Spring break starts March 10, meaning many students won't be studying for midterm exams– they'll be studying airline flight schedules.

Sophomores Katie and Jennie Pride will take advantage of spring break by flying to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip.

They report that they've learned a lot about security measures of airports not only in the United States, but also in other countries. This past winter break, they traveled to New Zealand on what was supposed to be an already strenuous 20 hour plane trip. Their traveling extended nine extra hours because of a layover in Los Angeles and rigorous security checks in an Auckland airport. Their troubles did not end in New Zealand, though. Heightened security after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks caused meticulous baggage checks and paper work in order to re-enter the United States.

"We took an Australian flight back into the United States," J. Pride said. "They searched all our suitcases and carry-ons, and we had to go through the E-ticket, scanning, and a gated area to check our bags.

J. Pride also recollects that security precautions were more serious than she expected. She reports that the pilot reminded its passengers that the "United States is renowned for its security" when asking attendants to fill out customs forms and visa information.

Since security has heightened because of the attacks, Jeff Martin Elli, the communications director for the Pittsburgh International Airport, says our airport is following protocol. They have opened four alternate security checkpoints for peak travel times in conjunction with the eight the airport already has.

"We open these at the busiest times, and they are open 6 a.m. through 9 a.m., and 2 p.m. through 6 p.m. everyday," Elli said.

Contributed photo

Dr. Johnson and his wife standing beside his plane. It was taken last January at the end of a wonderful journey down the Caribbean Islands to a remote area of Venezeula.

All 12 checkpoints will open fulltime in two weeks for spring break travelers. The airport has also added eight new airline services, including American Eagle and Hooters flights. Elli said that these flights are very popular with spring break travelers and those who attend golf weekends in Myrtle Beach.

Elli says more people than ever are taking to the air, and New Castle pilot and professor William Johnson concurs. Johnson earned his flying license from the New Castle Airport 25 years ago and has flown to Venezuela, Alaska, and the Bahamas. He says it is safer to fly than to drive to your destination. He reports that flying accidents are very rare compared to the amount of car crashes that occur while traveling. Although he says it is hard to pinpoint why a plane accident occurs (since each one is unique), airlines are always learning from incidents.

"I spend a lot of time studying accidents to find out why they happen because it's fascinating," Johnson said. "I like to discover how things work."

Johnson pinpoints three safety precautions about flying that he feels spring break travelers should know. First off, snow is not a large threat to pilots because it bounces off the wing, but ice poses a very dangerous threat to planes, especially the small planes that he operates.

"Rain can coat the wing with solid ice in the winter when the plane hits a certain temperature in the air," he said. "This messes up the airflow over the wing."

Johnson says that pilots are trained to land under any condition, but it is not the harsh landing that poses the biggest threat to passengers.

"Know where the exits are and how to open them," he said. "Get out fast; fires are the most dangerous killers in accidents."

Johnson says one way to help prevent an accident is to actually listen to the flight attendant's instructions. He explains that passengers are asked to turn off all electronics on commercial airplanes because radio signals are used for navigating. Electronics, such as FM transmitters on MP3 players, can interfere with essential flying directions.

"The decision to use electronics aboard a plane is ultimately up to the pilot even though the FAA suggests no electronic equipment," Johnson said.

The Pittsburgh International Airport also provides security tips for travelers on their Web site. They ask passengers to control all bags and personal items, to not accept any items from an unknown person to carry aboard and to report all unattended items in the airport or on an aircraft.

Their Web site also provides other safety tips and regulations on carry-on luggage. In addition to important traveling information, the current wait for security lines is posted. K. Pride says she checks the website when flying out of Pittsburgh to determine how much time she'll budget before boarding her plane to the Dominican Republic.

"We've traveled to Jordon, Israel, New Zealand, and Australia, so it's nice to know how long your security wait will be in order to gauge how much time you will need to catch your plane," K. Pride said.

Contributed photo

Jennie and Katie Pride visited this zoo during their trip to New Zealand over winter break.

No lake ice skating
School now enforces toepick

By Ashley Santarsiero
Campus writer

When the temperature dropped and the water froze, Brittain Lake would get good use from students in the 1970s.

During the early 70s January was a term unto itself and students were only required to take one class during that four week term. There was a lot of extra time for students to do different things with their friends. There were no computers, cell phones, Internet, or advanced workout facilities so students had to think creatively when it came to entertaining themselves during their free time. Ice skating on Brittain Lake was a favorite for many students who attended the college. During the afternoons and early evenings, up to a dozen kids could be found skating on the lake. Guys would play pick up games of ice hockey and students would come down to watch.

"I asked for my first pair of ice skates for Christmas of my freshman year," alumna Robin Gooch '75 said. "Students were skating on the lake before Christmas break and it looked like such great fun!"

Severe winters and the shallowness of the lake made ice skating a frequent activity back then. But skating on Brittain Lake did not always come easy. The lake would sometimes need to be tested carefully and prepped before skating. To do this the area that was going to be skated on needed to be shoveled and scraped to create a semi smooth surface. Water then needed to be poured on top and smoothed. Today man made ice rinks use an ice resurfacer called a Zamboni. This machine does the same thing to prepare the ice but does it much quicker.

The college at that time did not officially allow skating on the lake but that was a time when there were fewer lawsuits and life was "less legal". Today skating on the lake can be seen less frequently because of other man made ice rinks in the area. Students have more activities offered to them and winters have been less severe. Back then ice skating classes were not offered because the weather was so unpredictable. But the school does in fact offer an ice skating class now, although it does not take place on Brittain Lake. The class takes place at Hess Ice Rink in New Castle.

Although there aren't many students taking advantage of Brittain Lake in the winter months, some people in the community still do.

"I never skated on the lake when I was a student but after returning to Westminster to work in the library, I did skate on the lake," alumna and librarian Molly Spinney said. "It would usually be in the evening, after dinner, and when there was a moon. Without the moon, it was just too dark to skate down there."

So whether it was a hobby or simply something they did for fun, many former students of the college have fond memories of ice skating on Brittain Lake. Some of those students who did not take advantage of it back then, may be making great memories now that will stay with them forever.

Photo by enterprising layout editor

Back in the day of lake skating, we're sure this fine dynamic student affairs duo made 9.8 from students, 9.2 from TUB workers, a 4.0 (GPA) from Scooter and the Russians gave them a perfect 10!

Truck
Student hit by runaway vehicle

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problems. That's why he's worried that the truck incident may injure his budding career.

But there may be a silver lining: Kerr, also a football player, says being a Titan could have saved his life: "Thankfully, he's amassed a good deal of muscle weight," Kerr said.

"I'd hate to see what would happen to someone smaller," Kerr added.

In the meantime, Gagric says he can't sleep, eat or study. "I just keep reliving that moment," Gagric said.

"I didn't even see it coming. It was coming from behind me."

And it's especially hard to get back in the swing of school living on Russel's third floor. "Today I just cooked up something here in my room," Gagric said. "It's hard to be social when it hurts to walk everywhere."

This week, he's exempted from classes and has a good deal of time to contemplate his next move: whether or not he'll file a lawsuit against the truck's owner, college plumber Joe Surgenavic, and the college. Gageric isn't ruling it out.

If Gagric were to sue, Dean of Security John Lechner says he assumes the case will go through a civil trial focusing primarily on the plumber's insurance; however, it could also reach the deep pockets of the school and Lechner also isn't ruling out the case targeting the truck's manufacturer.

Dean of Students Neal Edman says if the school is sued, we're ready. "Our insurance has an umbrella policy," Edman said. "So even if this happened, we have lawyers, we're covered."

As for Gagric, the school is covering him-so that he won't get hit again. A few days ago he said with a little smile, " I just found out that if I can't walk to central campus-Public Safety will pick me up," Gagric said.

Softball Preview

By Brandon Phillian
Campus Writer

At this time of year, march madness is generally associated with the NCAA's 64 team; final four tournament. However, for the Westminster Titan softball team, march madness carries a whole new meaning. The Lady Titans madness in march consists of pre-season workouts, rigorous spring training, and the much anticipated opening day game. Throughout the month of march, and well into spring, the Lady Titans will bear a new season that will encompass the success of the past and the journey into the future.

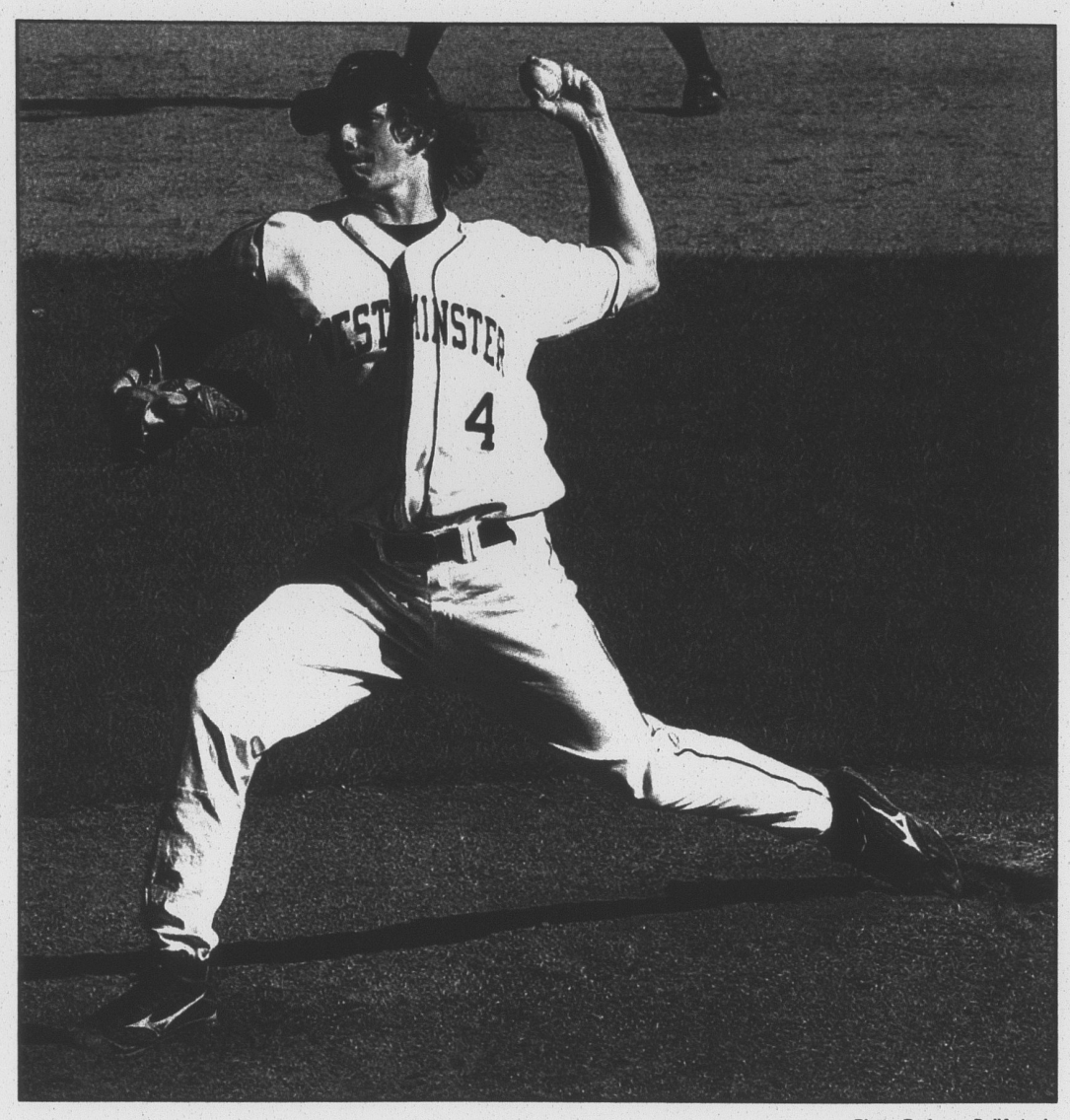
Jan Reddinger, head coach, describes her team's goals for the 2006 season as, "playing one game at a time and focusing on winning every game. By doing this, we hope to repeat as PAC champions and qualify for the NCAA tournament." The Lady Titans hope to repeat as conference champions in what figures to be an extremely strong, but wide open PAC. "The PAC will be very competitive this year. There really isn't one dominant team. Playing a tough schedule means that there are not easy games, and that will force us to come together as a team if we wish to be successful," states junior outfielder Stephanie Cornicelli. Mary Alice Skinner, senior catcher, sums up the teams expectations as, "having fun and being a sisterhood, playing to the best of our ability, and being able to take the PAC title."

The Lady Titans will rely on their plethora of strong points when the going gets tough and it is time for the tough to get going. "Our depth is definitely one of our team's strengths. Also, having our entire pitching staff back along with five seniors provides much needed experience," believes Coach Reddinger. A banged up pitching staff from a year ago will carry high expectations and determine much of the Titans success in the upcoming season. "Our pitching staff expects big things. We are working hard to prepare for a full season and understand that it will be key to remain healthy for the entire year," remarks pitching ace Jennifer Pancake. Coach Reddinger is also very confident in the leadership of her seniors. "Winning the PAC last year taught us the amount of work it takes to become a champion. The seniors this year understand this commitment, and I am confident that they will pass it along to the rest of our team," states Coach Reddinger.

When all is said and done, when the bats stop cracking and the dirt stops blowing, and the season draws to an end, the Lady Titans will measure whether or not they had a successful campaign. In the words of Mary Alice Skinner, "This year will be a successful season as long as we play ball, have fun, and get dirty!"

Photo By Laura DellAntonio

Heather Gurgiolo takes a swing during softball preseason. The team is gearing up for opening day of their season. They're confident and setting high goals for this season.



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Brenton Gilmore warms up his pitching arm in preseason practice.

Titan Track Preview

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

This winter we've had a few glimpses of spring which make us all anxious for the arrival of spring. However, for one group on campus, this can't come soon enough. For the Titan track team, the indoor season is just a buildup of excitement for what is soon to come. Thus far, both track teams have competed in 4 meets and this weekend will be the last meet to conclude the indoor season.

Coach Don Augustine along with his Men's and Women's track teams has a lot to look forward to after a successful indoor season. Looking back on last season, big things came from new comer Jessica Cooper. Knowing what is coming back is leading to even more excitement. "Jessica and the whole team are really moving along. Thus far in the indoor season, we have either broken or established 14 indoor records," Augustine noted. One of the records, held by Cooper is the high jump at 5'5 ¾. This height places her currently at 12th nationally. "She broke the indoor record and realistically, she's ahead of the game," Augustine said.

This past weekend, two meets took place for the Titan track teams; One at Marietta College and the other at Mt. Union College. Freshmen Shalyn Eakin placed 2nd in the 1,000 meter run at Marietta. Along with Eakin, freshmen Rebecca Shiner placed 3rd in the 1,000 meter and Megan Harding finished 4th in the 400 meter. Sophomore Jessica Cooper placed 3rd in both the high and triple jumps. Also, at Mt. Union, Cooper placed 2nd in the high jump. Cooper as well as senior thrower Adam Hadbavny, will travel to Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. for the 2006 ECAC indoor championships.

The excitement from the team as well as Coach Augustine is at its peak. However, there is one question left for the Titan track team: how will they handle the transition from indoor to outdoor? "The transition from indoor to outdoor is all dependent upon the weather" Augustine said. "If the weather holds up and we have nice days like we've already had, it won't be that big of a deal." Coach Augustine also feels that the increase in competition at meets and practice will really help us throughout the outdoor season. He has a lot to be excited about as there are high expectations among newcomers. Out of 47 participants in track this year, 20 of them are freshmen.

Did you say Cleveland?

By Chris Norris
Campus Writer

As the snow falls and the cold wind blows, what better to warm our spirits than the thought of baseball season? Sitting in the stands on a warm summer's night watching America's past time with a ball park frank in one hand and a cold Pepsi in the other. That's right, the Major League Baseball season is just around the corner and to me, and a select few here on the campus of Westminster College, that means one thing, Cleveland Indians!

Though some of you may turn the page as soon as you see the word Cleveland, one must take into consideration that Cleveland will probably be in the newspaper quite often during the 2006 season. The tribe finished 93-69 last season and just missed sliding into the playoffs as a wild card team.

With the past behind them, the Cleveland Indians will rely on their big bats in designated hitter, Travis Hafner (.305 BA, 108 RBI, 33 HR), catcher, Victor Martinez (.305 BA, 80 RBI, 20 HR) and center fielder Grady Sizemore (.289 BA, 81 RBI, 22 HR). The Indians may suffer with the trade of Coco Crisp (.300 BA, 69 RBI, 16 HR) to Boston but in return, welcomed Minor League superstar Andy Marte.

Cleveland's pitching staff was solid last season, tied with the Chicago White Sox for the lowest ERA in the America League at 3.61. Some of Cleveland's finest pitchers said farewell to the tribe such as starter, Kevin Millwood and reliever Bob Howry, who both had impressive years in 2005. However, General Manager Mark Shapiro signed veteran starter Paul Byrd and reliever Guillermo Mota.

The farm system has been key to the Indians' recent success. The minor leagues have produced fine players such as Grady Sizemore and Jhonny Peralta. Players to watch for in the 2006 campaign are Franklin Gutierrez, Ryan Garko, and Kelly Shoppach. Gutierrez is a talented outfielder who Peter Gammons claims, if playing well could help lead the tribe to an American League pennant. Garko, a catcher who Cleveland is trying to breed into a first baseman, put up sold numbers at Triple-A Buffalo last season. Kelly Shappoch, who came to the Indians as part of the Coco Crisp trade and is battling for the back-up catchers position, hit 26 homers and 75 RBIs at Triple-A Pawtucket in 2005.

The tribe's main focus for the 2006 season is to be a contender in the American League Central division. Manager Eric Wegde, his team, and all the suffering Cleveland fans can't forget about last season where the Indians turned their season around following the all-star break and looked to have a sure spot in the playoffs either as the Central Division champs or by winning the Wild Card. However, as most Cleveland seasons end, be it football, basketball, or baseball, the Indians lost six of their last seven games, diminishing any hopes of a playoff berth.

With that said, the Cleveland Indians have high hopes and expectations for the 2006 season. As a die-hard tribe fan, I feel that the frustration of waiting for Cleveland to be contenders and to return to the glory days of the mid-90s might finally be over. General Manager Mark Shapiro's plan since day one to put together a young, yet strong group of players might finally be paying off and a glimpse of hope can be given to the minority group on campus (a.k.a. "Cleveland fans")

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Dear Pirates: Please Win

It's been 13 disastrous seasons since Pittsburgh Pirates' last finished with a winning record, 96-66 in 1992.

I think POGS were still cool back then.

But ownership seems poised in 2006 for the Pirates' return to glory.

The Pirates have spent considerably more money this off-season on free agents, as their 2006 payroll looks to rise to roughly $47 million (up from $35 million a year ago) by opening day.

Some of those dollars have been thrown the way of local boy Sean Casey. The Upper St. Clair product spent 2005 with the Cincinnati Reds, batting .312 with 32 doubles, nine home runs, and 58 RBI in 137 games.

Another player making his way back to the 'Burgh is Joe Randa.

Randa, 36, hit .276, with 43 doubles, 17 home runs, and 68 RBI in 150 games between Cincinnati and San Diego.

Randa and Casey will control the corners of the Pirates infield, while Jack Wilson and Jose Castillo return in the middle.

Castillo has seemingly recovered from off-season knee surgery and should return as one of the finest defensive second-basemen in baseball.

Wilson apparently discovered protein, adding an incredibly 20 pounds of muscle. The Pirates outfield appears solid as Jason Bay, the Pirates' lone All-Star in 2005,returns in left.

Chris Duffy will patrol centerfield, while Jeromy Burnitz, the Buccos' "forgotten-about" free agent acquisition, will quietly step into right. Burnitz should hit around .270, with 20-plus home runs and 75-plus RBI.

The pitching staff remains in question.

Earlier in the week, Kip Wells was diagnosed with a blood clot and could miss the entire season.

With their top right-handed pitcher gone, the Pirates' rotation looks like "Lefty Nation."

They'll turn to Oliver Perez, Zach Duke, Paul Maholm, and Sean Burnett to round out the rotation. The Bucs need at least one right-handed starter to step up.

Jose Mesa is no longer with the club after his 456th season in the majors. Mesa has moved on and left the closer duties to Mike Gonzalez, another young lefty with electric stuff.

The only problem is Gonzalez only has four career saves, and new manager Jim Tracy doesn't even plan on using Gonzalez in the ninth inning until much later in spring training.

Bottom line, there are a lot of possible reasons to be down on the Pirates in 2006.

However, due to the front office off-season spending, maybe, just once, Pirate fans will have a chance to dream.

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A&E Arts & Entertainment

Oscar Fever!

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

It's that time of year when Hollywood buys expensive clothes to parade down a red carpet and sit in a theater for three or four hours. Yes, the Academy Awards are this Sunday, March 5 at 8 p.m. on ABC, and I think it's going to be an interesting year.

I'm not going to pretend to know much about predicting Oscars, but what I can tell you is that all the nominees are deserving and worth a viewing. So instead of attempting to predict the Academy's mind I'm going to give you my list of Oscar winners. For the sake of space, I'm only going to list who I think should win, for a complete list of nominees go to www.oscars.com. Happy viewing!

Best Actor
Joaquin Phoenix, Walk the Line
An outstanding acting and vocal performance, it chilled me a bit how much Phoenix emulated Johnny Cash.

Best Supporting Actor
Jake Gyllenhaal, Brokeback Mountain
Gyllenhaal gives an emotional and genuine performance that is definitely Oscar-worthy.

Best Actress
Reese Witherspoon, Walk the Line
As outstanding as her co-star, Witherspoon disappears into the role of June Carter Cash.

Best Supporting Actress
Rachel Weisz, The Constant Gardener
The only Oscar choice in my opinion, Weisz completely blew me away with her performance in this film.

Best Animated Feature
Wallace and Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit
A charming and hilarious film; definitely the clear winner for me in this category.

Best Art Direction, Best Cinematography, and Best Costume Design
Memoirs of a Geisha
This film is absolutely beautiful to watch-the art, cinematography, and costumes are enchanting and deserve award recognition. I combined these three categories since Memoirs should sweep them all, but it seems my opinion doesn't mean too much to the Academy…

Best Documentary
March of the Penguins
Cute penguins, narrated by Morgan Freeman-all the essentials for a good film.

Best Foreign Language Feature
Paradise Now
I haven't seen any of the nominees, but this is Palestine's first nomination, so I'm gonna root for the underdog here.

Sherri's predictions

Best Makeup
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Anyone that can recreate the world and characters of Narnia wins an Oscar in my book.

Best Film Editing
Cinderella Man
When I saw this in the summer, I immediately thought of an editing award-but I'm a film dork. Anyway, it is a superb editing job-I felt like I was getting knocked out right along with Russell Crowe.

Best Visual Effects
King Kong
Peter Jackson recreates the diverse and scary Skull Island while also creating a believable 50-foot gorilla-not an easy task.

Best Screenplay (Adapted)
Brokeback Mountain
A beautiful adaptation from a short-story that captures the very essence of human emotion.

Best Screenplay (Original)
Syriana
A labyrinth of intricate plot lines and deception-definitely an impressive screenwriting achievement.

Best Director
Ang Lee, Brokeback Mountain
Ang Lee breaks down the barriers and makes a film that cuts to the core of human emotion, and does it all so beautifully.

Best Picture
Brokeback Mountain
This film is a true masterpiece-it has a winning plot, characters, and setting that all ties together under the supervision of a superb director. This is a film that needs to be seen and rewarded.

Best Music (Score)
The Constant Gardener

Best Music (Song)
"In the Deep," Crash

Best Sound Editing
King Kong

Best Sound Mixing
Walk the Line

Always a Bridesmaid…

At the beginning of the semester, I promised you wonderful readers that I would be making fun of relationships at some point.

I'm feeling real sassy this week, so it was a good opportunity to indulge in bitter rambling before I fully emerge from spinster-hood on my tour of dating.

If for some reason you are in a relationship and may at any point become offended by my enlightened musings, then please stop reading now and go find something un-obnoxious (cough!) and couple-y to do, like sit on the same side of a booth or search for love lyrics on the web to include in away messages that elicit spontaneous combustion of brains that belong to anyone that isn't your mate or heavily medicated.

I think I have a heightened level of sassiness in regards to relationship analyzing because more and more engaged people keep coming out of the woodwork.

At Westminster, we are all in a perpetual final rose ceremony. For those of you that have more sense than me and don't subject yourselves to watching The Bachelor, the final rose ceremony is the finale in which the aptly named Bachelor decides to give up his womanizing and settle for one of two bachelorettes. Usually (although not this year, because Travis actually had a head on his shoulders), this ceremony results in an engagement, all the while the broken-hearted bachelorette rides off in her limo sobbing in to the cameras, doing everything short of constructing a noose.

OK, so Westminster doesn't resemble that in any way; men are not prancing about with roses offering everlasting love to one girl while leaving another to cry to ABC and countless at-home viewers sitting on couches and eating chips. However, it seems that every time I turn around, a diamond strategically placed on a left hand shines in to my eyes, surely leaving permanent cornea damage. Engagement rings are apparently the new gaucho pant or sequin slip-on.

Don't get me wrong, I think marriage is amazing and the natural course of action for two people in love. I just cannot imagine committing the rest of my life to another person at this stage of the game.

If I were in a relationship of that magnitude, I'm sure I'd be whistling a different tune, but I'm not, so deal with it. But right now, I'm feeling real positive about my chances at a common law marriage between myself and someone named Mr. Whiskers with a tail, four legs, and a vomiting habit.

In all honesty, it's not the engagements that are bothersome. It is when people in relationships tell those of us "less fortunate" things like "it will happen to you" or "when you least expect it, that is when you will meet your soul mate."

Well, let me tell you, I have been ardently convinced that there is no one for me for quite some time (which I would definitely constitute as not expecting it) and it still hasn't happened. Stop feeding me lies!

I've done enough damage for this week. Right now, I might just go against everything I've just written and print out an application for The Bachelor. I'm sure to get cast since I am one of about 3 women not walking down the aisle in the immediate future.

Laura Zorch is a senior PR and art major.

Tanner's

A quick trip down Route 18 yields wondeful cuisine

Perks of Tanner's

Ethnic food

Incredible cavatelli

Sporty but not a sports bar

Cozy atmosphere

Alcohol served with meals or at the bar

Very affordably priced

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

This week I'm going to introduce you to Chuck Tanner's restaurant. Yes, this is the Chuck Tanner from the Pittsburgh Pirates. The restaurant is open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m..

I've never seen such a variety of foods as I have in this place. Everything is delicious. Some places try different ethnic dishes and just cannot do it, but at Tanner's you will see Italian and Greek dishes, as well as seafood, steaks, and breakfasts like you've never had before. My family goes there for every single get-together or reunion and that says something, because Italians know what's good to eat!

My absolute favorite dish at Tanner's is the grilled lamb and Syrian bread. Along with the lamb, some other "house specials" include veal parmigiana, calves liver (never tried that one, sorry), chicken and eggplant, Greek Isles chicken and pasta, and Aegean Vodka Pasta.

Some "Poultry Pleasers" are chicken parmigiana, chicken Francaise, Athenian chicken, and chicken marsalla.

Of course there are steaks such as the top sirloin, and Delmonico steak.

If you're in the mood for something under the sea, Tanner's has shrimp scampi, shrimp and pasta primavera, North Atlantic cod, and salmon.

What else would I include from this menu other than the Italian specials? My favorite part of the menu includes baked eggplant, spaghetti, cavatelli, penne pasta, cheese ravioli and fettuccine alfredo. Many of the items listed on the menu can be ordered in a lighter portion, as well.

Don't forget that Tanner's also offers a breakfast menu. Breakfasts are served from 7 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. with every kind of breakfast food imaginable. Since our cafeteria doesn't offer breakfast anymore, take a trip down Route 18 to Chuck Tanner's Restaurant, located about a quarter of a mile past McDonald's (on the right hand side coming from the college).

Is your birthday coming up? If you take a look in the New Castle News, Tanner's offers a birthday coupon for you to get a free meal on your special day (with ID). They also have a banquet facility for your party needs. Call for reservations (of 5 or more), banquet reservations, or for take-out at 724-658-5900. Wine, beer and cocktails are also available. (See, I know what gets college students to a restaurant!)

Ed. note: Try the cavatelli with alfredo – you won't be sorry.

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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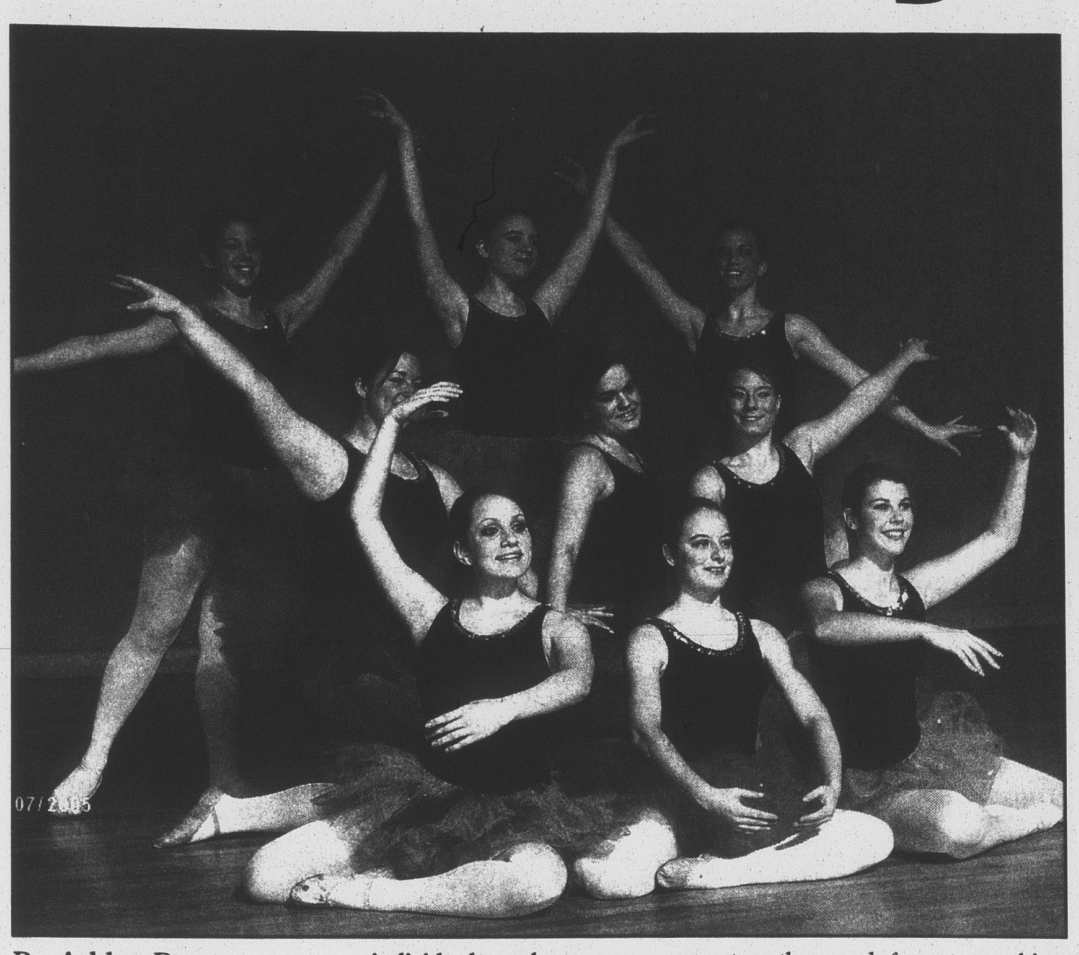
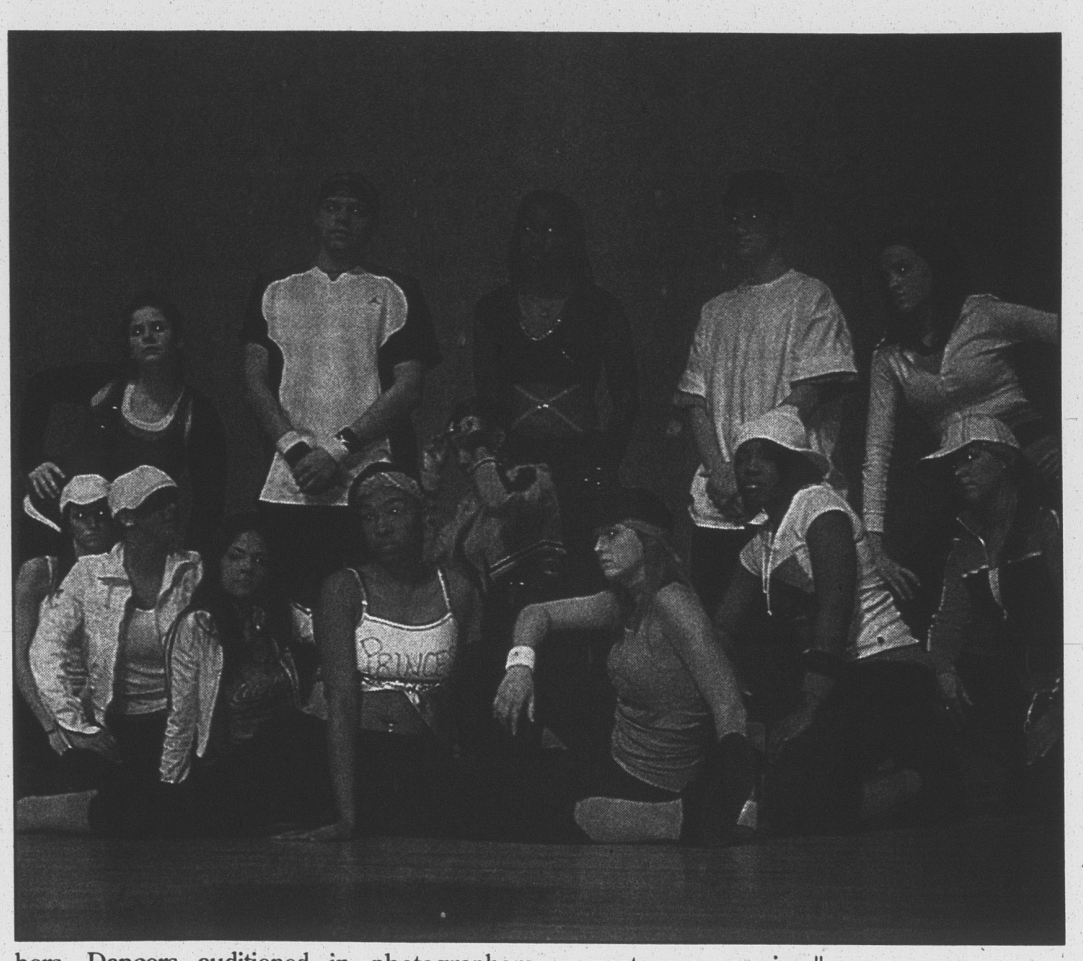
Dance Theater 2006

Rhythm Nation

Photos by Katie Chandley





By Ashley Beaver
Campus writer

Westminster's dance theatre will present its annual spring concert on Mar. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and Mar. 4 at 2 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

The theme, "Carry the Flame," was a song written by Grove City graduate and daughter of Westminster faculty member Eileen Hendrickson, Karien Hendrickson. The song was selected as the theme and torch relay song of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Aretha Franklin re-recorded it for the opening ceremonies.

"This meaningful theme represents that each of us are individuals and carry our own diverse flame," said Gina Sharbaugh, artistic director of dance theatre and associate director of admissions.

Sharbaugh stresses diversity is what makes this year so different. The show includes styles of reggae, Irish, tap, ballet, hip hop and jazz.

President of dance theater Jessica Bailey says the only reason dance theatre gets bigger and better every year is because of the diversity.

"Initially we're really excited the diversity in the organization has increased, especially with more male dancers, different personalities and a lot of freshmen," Bailey said. "All different kinds of people work together and form something amazing."

Several aspects of the show are diverse. The beginning will open with little children dancing to "Carry the Flame" sung by junior Nikki Douglas. The theme starts as little children with dreams develop into older dancers. Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation" is the opening and closing dance for the members.

"'Rhythm Nation' ties into why we're so great as a nation because we're all different," Bailey said. "We wanted to compare our theme to the entire dance theatre organization."

There are approximately 75 dancers involved in 16 numbers. Dancers auditioned in September for dance numbers of their choice. Dancers rehearsed all year for the upcoming show. Dance experience ranges from very little to very experienced.

"From 14 years of talent and then those [dancers] who started experimented with dance just recently, we welcome all talent, "Sharbaugh said. "We want to make it comfortable and fun for everyone."

Several people are involved with putting a production together of this size. For the first time, owners from The Wright Place Salon will donate their time and hair expertise to each of the dancers. The photographers, costumes, shirts, programs, lighting, sound, and especially the dances must practice thoroughly to come together.

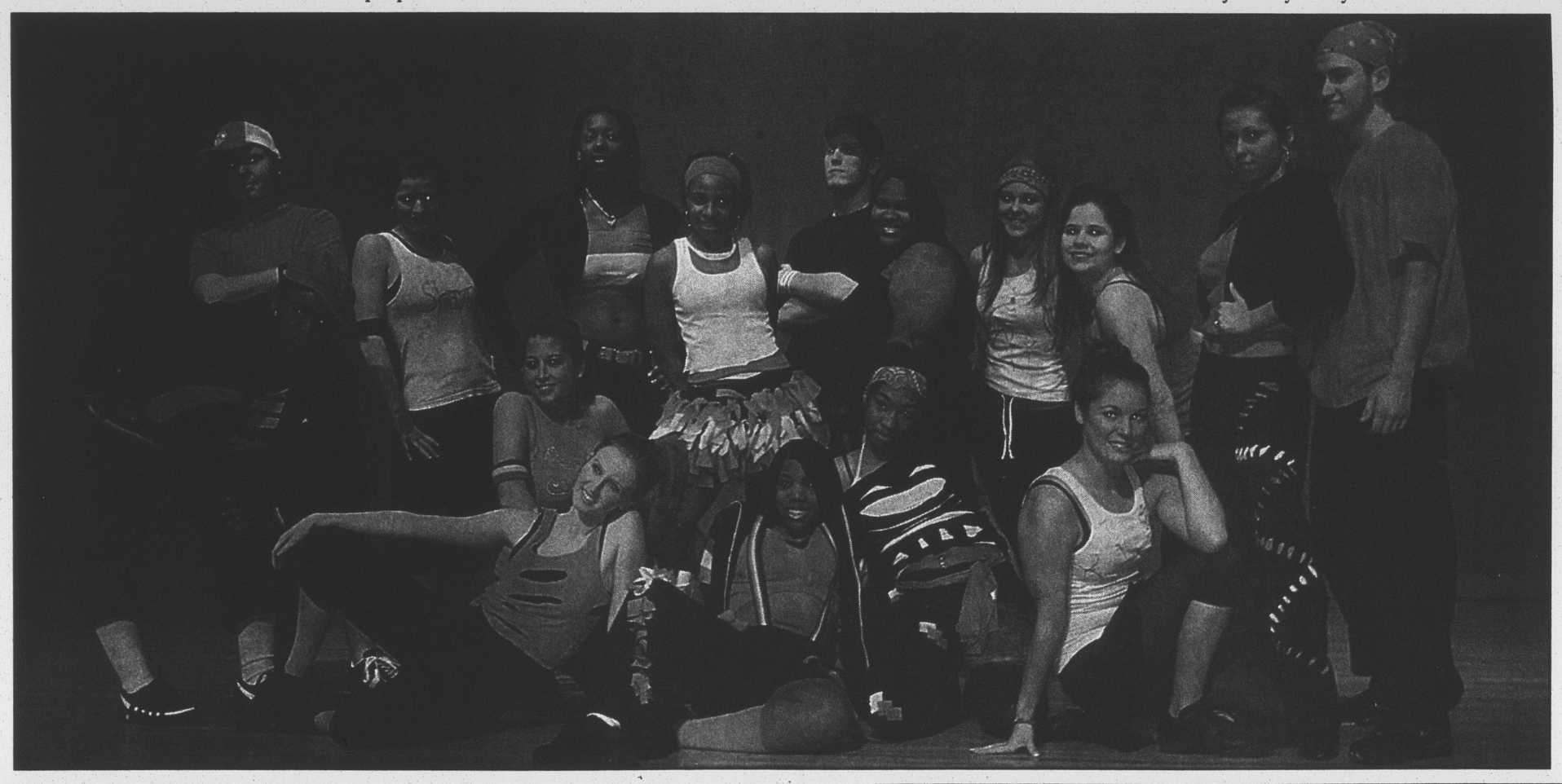
More responsibilities fall on the choreographers of each dance. Time involvement of picking a song, costumes and dance moves require dedication. Senior public relations and fine art major Jennifer Pierotti is a 2nd-year choreographer of jazz, modern and classic ballet numbers.

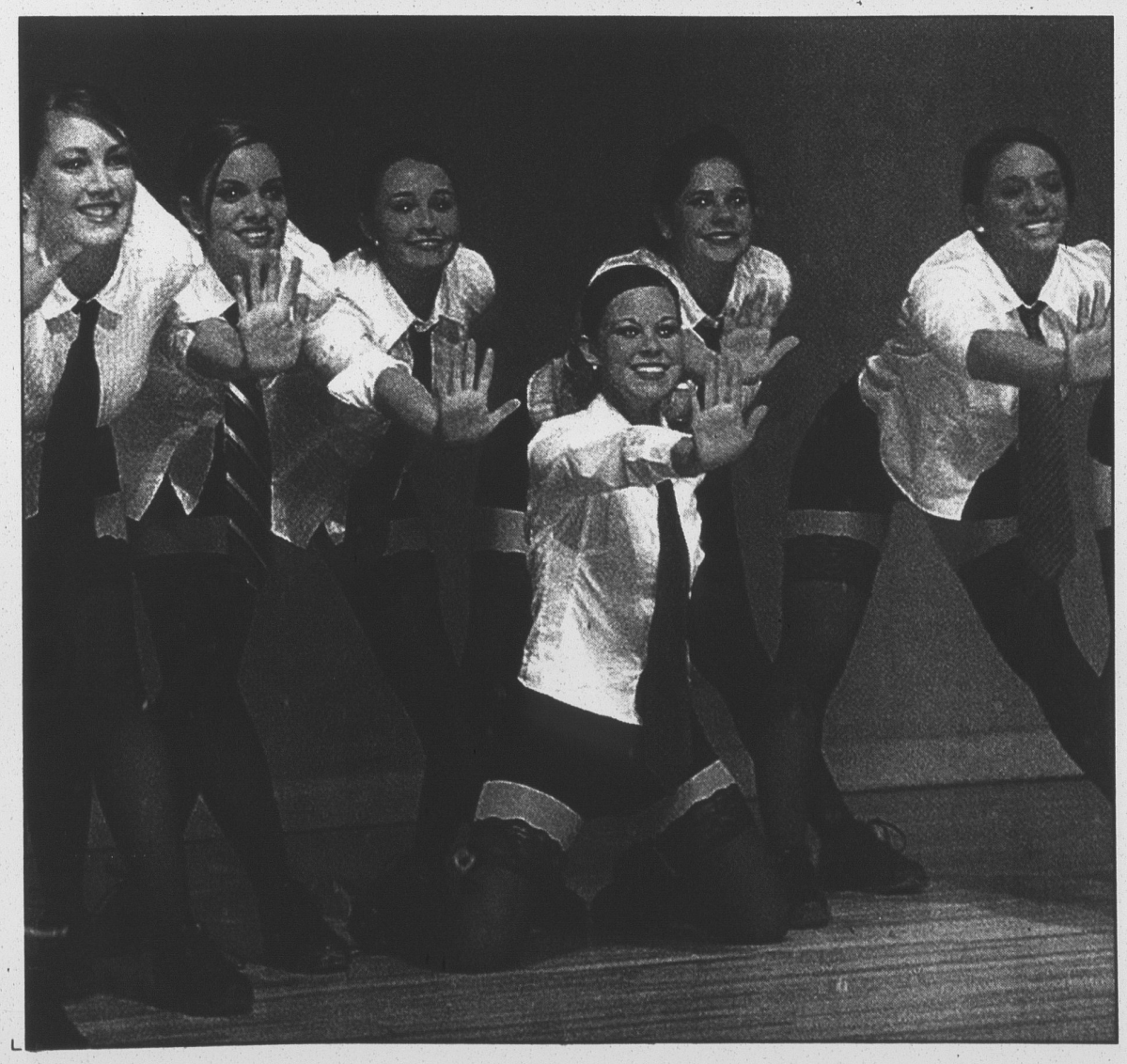
"I get the best of both worlds: I get to dance and take total control over the styles, songs, costumes," Pierotti said, "It's more significant to me because it's my ideas and not just my body moving."

She explains that as a senior this is her last opportunity to dance on stage. Pierotti enjoyed her past four years of dance involvement because it's a student- run organization.

"The people that are in it are there because they love to dance," Pierotti said. "No one is getting credit or being paid."

The admission prices for faculty and students are $1. Adults are $6. Children 7 and up are $3, while kids under 6 are free.





Hit list: *dangerous?*

Ongoing investigation into the offensive pictures

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor in chief

Public safety and local police are investigating a junior's motives behind creating what's being billed as a "hit list" in his dorm room.

Sophomore Allison Chlebowski said she's nervous and that she feels threatened. She can't imagine why anyone would put her name on what's now being billed as a 13- person "hit list."

"I only shared one class with the guy," Chlebowski said. "I don't even talk to him."

The hit list includes 13 stick figures - each representing a different student - with their faces perforated out by pellets from an air rifle and derogatory sentences scribbled underneath.

Ten of the students are on what the student marked as the "dead" list and the rest are on a list as "jerks." The list contains the students in alphabetical order in a meticulous fashion and various appendages are cut off.

The student devised the hit list more than five weeks ago. Until last week, though, it hung in the privacy of his Eichenhauer dorm room. After a concerned visitor saw her name on it, she asked her boyfriend, whose name was on the list as well, to tell the resident assistant and the community advisor. Both officials told the students that nothing could be done.

Dean of Security John Lechner explained the RA's and CA's actions. "This was a venting done in the privacy of (the student's) own room," he said. "It's not that big of a deal."

Lechner used an analogy - saying the action is similar to taking out frustrations by hitting a pillow.

Some other students learned of the list and were disconcerted with the school's handling of what they believe is a serious threat.

A handful of the students on the list were informed by the hit list creator's roommate last weekend that the accused student had in his desk what Lechner is calling "hunting knives."

Lechner added that while someone could gut a rabbit with them, they aren't a crucial part of the investigation.

It was then that the hit list suspect's roommate allowed a student on the list to take photographs of it.

"I didn't know how severe the situation may be," the student said. "That's why I went in, took photos, and took the hit list pictures off the wall," he added.

Another student on the list called the state police, which, in turn gave the case to New Wilmington police. Campus security got involved after a lawyer called to report the case.

While a thorough investigation is under way, no official psychological report on the student has been completed.

Lechner said that while the student did have one scuffle at a fraternity event - there are no records indicating a checkered past.

But is this enough research? Lechner says simply, "You have to trust our (official) credentials," he said. "We've done interviews with those named and investigated the angles. "

A parent of a student named on the list, who is an expert in safety at a school similar to Westminster, questioned the college's judgment.

As a father, he said he is particularly concerned that a psychological analysis of the student hasn't been conducted. "I would want this person evaluated," the parent said. "When you are using the word 'dead' in a list you might not need to be thrown in jail ... and it may not be seen as menacing, but it still needs to be evaluated."

Another point that may be evaluated is the college's policy on air rifles and knives in dorm rooms. Lechner said that both are allowed.

Air rifles are given a "toy status" because they aren't painful "unless they hit you someplace vulnerable," he said. "Those guys in Eich are always having wars with those paintball and air guns."

He addressed the discovery of the two hunting knives. "We can't just start taking the knives out of the dining hall because they're a safety concern if someone carries it into their dorm," Lechner said.

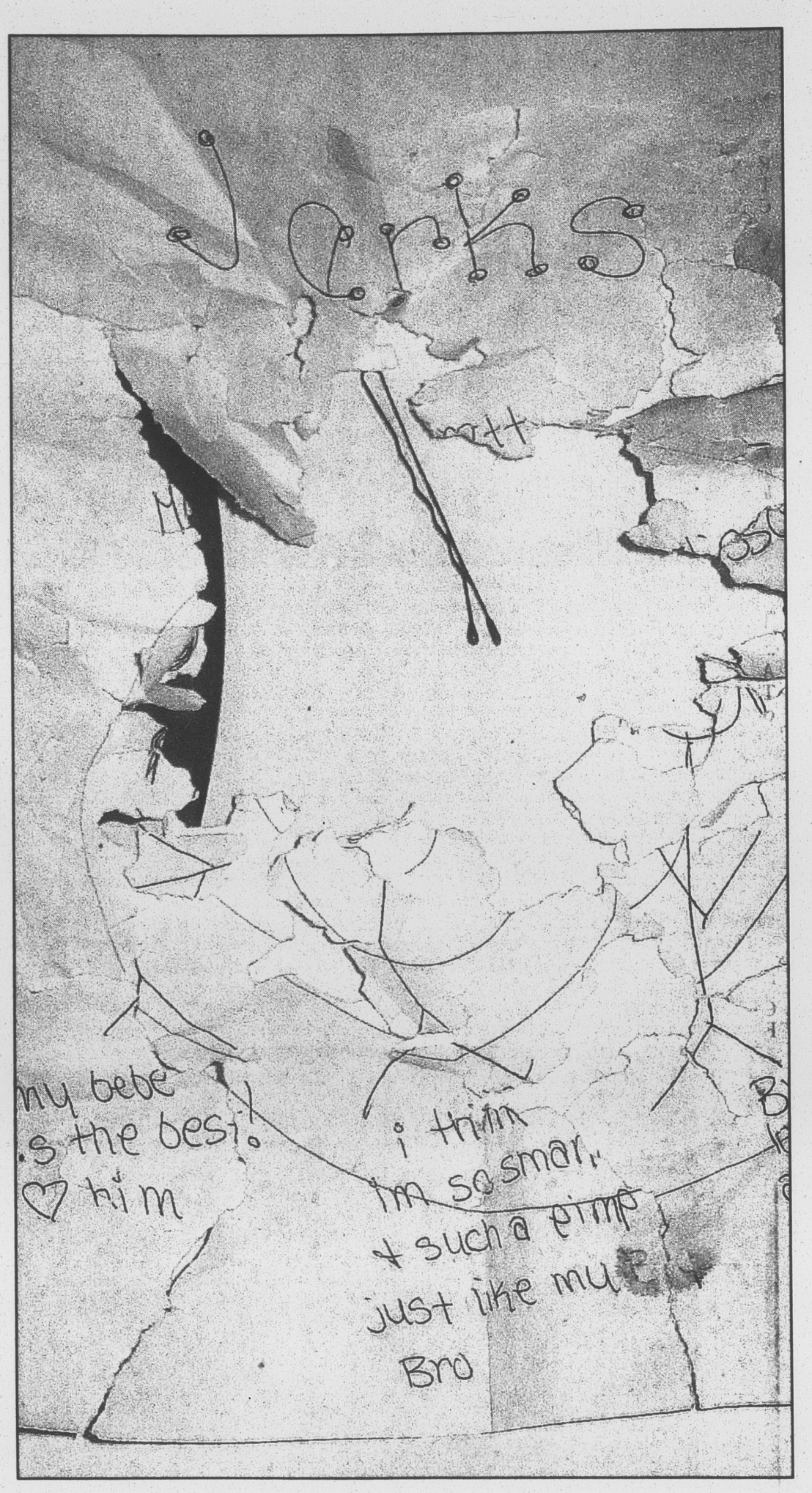
Still, Lechner said, when he sees a knife or weapon he deems dangerous – he reserves the right to follow the college protocol. After all, the Student Handbook says that the "use or possession of firearms, ammunition or other dangerous weapons is prohibited."

Lechner said on a scale from one to 10 this issue registers at a 9.8 - a 9.8 for not being crucial to the safety of the students. He added that students shouldn't feel threatened.

But as for Chlebowski, she's irate about how the school is handling the list.

"It's like if I were going to hit you with a heel of a stiletto ... instead of seeing the real crime ... all they do is apprehend the shoe."

I didn't know how severe the situation may be.
One's student's fear after finding out about the hit list



Contributed photo

While 10 students are named on the "dead" list, an additional three made their way onto what's being ear-marked (in this photo) as the less offensive "jerk" list. This perforation was caused by an air rifle's pellets. The students on the "dead" list were in alphabetical order in a meticulous fashion and various appendages had been removed from their bodies.

What to do if you've been threatened:

1. Dial x7777

2. Get in touch with residential life

3. Get a PFA (Protection From Abuse)
Typically for domestic violence, stalking, harrasment. Have an attorney petition the court. The court will issue an order to bar that individual.

4. Remember that going to local or state police may not be as fast as getting in touch with campus security.

**For any issue that happens on this campus, state and local authorities always contact Westminster Public Security, so it is always fastest to go straight to them.

What policies do other schools have?

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What is your school's stance on weapons?	- Does **not allow** weapons - **confiscated** if found in a student's room	- **Zero tolerance** - **no** weapons - **no** lookalike - **no** paintball guns	-**Zero tolerance** -student possibly **dismissed from school** immediately	- **Zero tolerance** - **confiscate** knives longer than 3 inches - hunting weapons may be **stored with security** during hunting season	- **Zero tolerance** - may **check hunting weapons with security** during hunting season
How would your school handle the discovery of a hitlist in a student's dorm room?	- depends on the circumstances - handled **case-by-case**	- **campus police** called - full investigation with residence life - student **removed from dorms**, but not school	-policy/group in place to investigate **case-by-case**	-investigation with **security** through res life -must check in and out with security and **attend only classes**	- investigation to find **validity** - fact finders report to the Dean of Students - removal of student is the **Dean of Students' decision**

Calendar

March 3, 2006

Lil' Sibs Weekend

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:30 PM Men's Tennis at Pitt-Greensburg

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: And There Were None, an Agatha Christie mystery – Beeghly Theater

8:00 PM Dance Theatre – Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Chronicles of Narnia – MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM Titan's Tavern with J.D. Eicher opening for Rebecca Bailey, followed by The Valley Below – MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire – MCC Mueller Theater

March 4, 2006

Night Owl Bowling (Van leaves front of McKelvey at 10:30 p.m.)

Lil' Sibs Weekend

Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field at ECAC Indoor Championships in Collegeville, PA

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

10:00 AM Men's Tennis vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

2:00 PM Dance Theatre – Orr Auditorium

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March 5, 2006

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster: And There Were None, an Agatha Christie mystery – Beeghly Theater

3:00 PM SIFE's "How To" Computer Seminar – Patterson 214 (computer lab)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Chronicles of Narnia – MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM Spring Fling Reception – McKelvey Campus Center

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire – MCC Mueller Theater

March 6, 2006

7:30 PM Guest Voice Recital: Dr. Kathryn Green, Contralto: "From Strauss to Sondheim" – Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

March 7, 2006

7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: Farewell My Concubine, 1993, China – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Piano Quintet Recital – Orr Auditorium

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

March 8, 2006

PE-2 Classes Begin

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Eileen Morelli, and Patrick Krantz, "Lunar Misconceptions, Children's Literature, and the Development of the ECLIPSE Instrument" – MCC Mueller Theater

5:00 PM - 9:30 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

7:30 PM Mu Phi Epsilon Recital – Orr Auditorium

March 9, 2006

PE-2 Classes Begin

12:45 PM All-Campus Meeting – Beeghly Theater

7:00 PM Theta Chi Date Auction – MCC Club/Lounge

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM "Stargazing Tonight" (meet in Hoyt lobby) – Hoyt Planetarium

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

March 10, 2006

Convert Incompletes

Baseball Team on Spring Trip to Fort Pierce, FL

6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

Sudoku!

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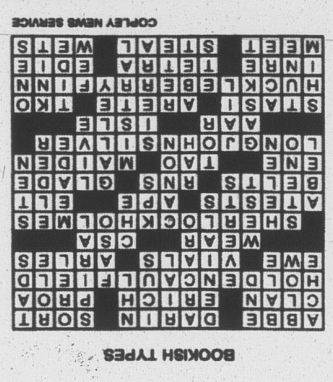

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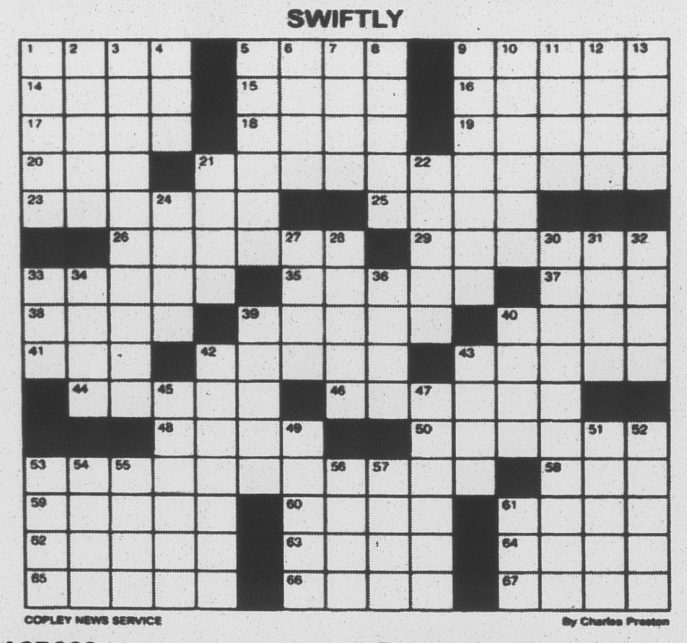

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17 Uncertain danger
18 Irene Cara film
19 Weak
20 Rep.
21 Theme of this puzzle
23 More magnificent
25 Dover specialty
26 Lindbergh, for one
29 Elusive monster, fondly
33 Islamic scripture
35 Excellent: musician's slang
37 A lot of secs.
38 "Moonstruck" star
39 Leg bone
40 Avant-gardes
41 Artist LeWitt
42 Copier need
43 Act part
44 Prefix for active
46 Modern carry-on
48 Tag sale condition
50 Not so hard
53 "That's a lye," he said ___
58 Karlsbad, e.g.
59 Palace in Florence
60 Landed
61 Like carriage horses
62 "Let's Make ___"
63 Film actress Russo
64 Scientific Frontiers star
65 Pert
66 Nourish
67 Salon worker

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1 Aired again
2 Paraguayan pal
3 Did you make it to the nudist camp? response
4 Question
5 Maim
6 Batman West
7 Lowers, in a way
8 Frets
9 "I can't decide on breakfast," he ___
10 Speechifies
11 Famous Henry's number
12 Old drudge
13 Garden State team
21 Black Noddy, e.g.
22 Greek colony
24 Billy ___: 1963 film
27 A ___ apple
28 Dynamite inventor
30 "I lost one," Bo-Peep said ___
31 Fe is its symbol
32 To be, in ancient Rome
33 Catholic men's org.
34 Bumbler's exclamation
36 Italian legal tender
39 Nagoya gate
40 MSgts, e.g.
42 "I hate finals," he said ___
43 Fido command
45 Ziti and penne, e.g.
47 Stoned
49 Muffler
51 Lyric poem
52 Speeder's nemesis
53 IRS staffers
54 Verdi masterpiece
55 Western tribe
56 Not a weather
57 Come-on
61 Dispirited

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This would be a great time to consider making changes in your personal appearance, style or public persona. You have a green light to move forward with a new haircut or spring wardrobe.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Inner harmony and emotional balance is what you should strive for this week. Listen to your heart and it will guide you in the direction for happiness.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Friends or associates are very impressed with your willingness to go the extra mile to get the job done. Do not hesitate to roll up your sleeves and get to work.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): In a job search, keep an open mind about a potential company or cooperation. With research or observation, you will soon discover if and where you might fit in.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Your words or opinions are very powerful and can carry a heavy impact. Do your best to be kind and considerate when offering constructive criticism to children or younger siblings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Carefully review financial forms related to taxes, investments or insurance. An oversight or mistake in the calculations could become quite costly in the long run.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Avoid attempts to manipulate or to control a partner or loved one. You can make a lot of headway and get your point across with a compassionate and convincing presentation.

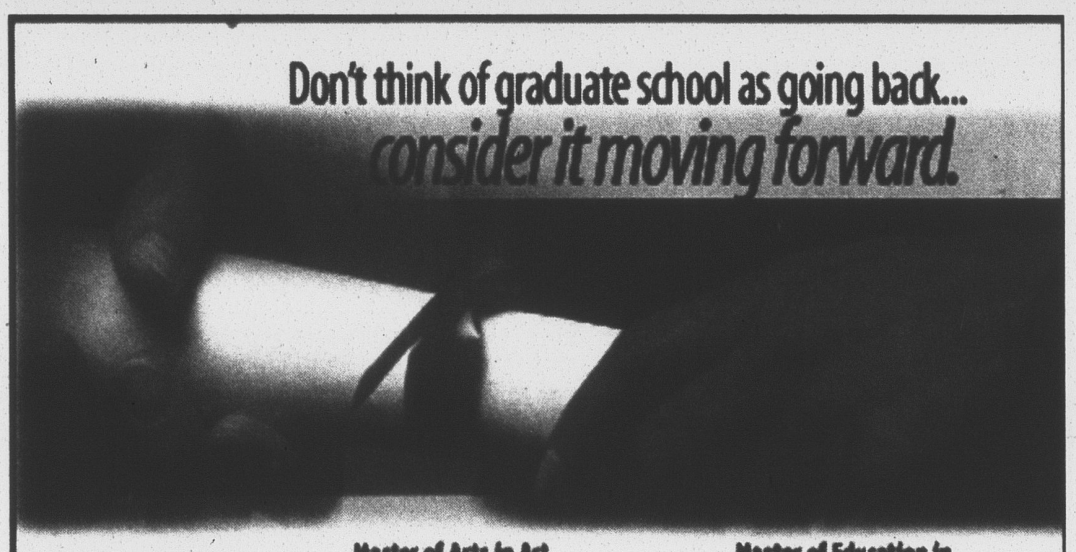
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Avoid office politics or getting involved in a project that could tarnish your reputation. Keep your nose clean and focus on assigned tasks and duties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Plan to be more outgoing and sociable this week. Seek new and exciting forms of entertainment and give yourself permission to have fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You will be asked to come to terms with a very emotional issue. For the sake of personal survival, dig deep and do your best to be strong and to remain calm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Prepare yourself for news or an announcement that is likely to upset your mental balance. Rise above the fray and work toward acceptance and forgiveness.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Be sure to make a timely inquiry about money you are owed. Matters of such importance could easily slip through the cracks and be lost to you forever.



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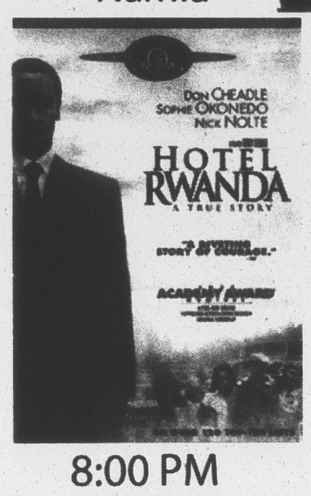

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OPEN

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

"Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire"

10:30 PM
8:00 PM
9:00 PM

FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10p.m.- 2a.m.
Club Room

SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
10p.m.- 1a.m.
Meet in front of MCC

Lil' Sibs Weekend!!

LATE NIGHT
MON, TUES, & THUR 10 PM to 1 AM @ the Club Room

COMING SOON....

Mar. 25	Night Owl Bowling
Mar. 25	Alpha Psi Omega One Acts
Apr. 8	Relay for Life
Apr. 29	Sing n Swing
May 6	Volley Rock

Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

The Westminster Dog Show

Amanda gives us a preview of the pups you'll adore

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

It wasn't that long ago that I watched as "Rufus," the colored bull terrier, won the "Best in Show" award at the Westminster Dog Show. A few weeks later, after a bit of brainstorming, another editor and I laid out the plans for our own "Westminster Dog Show."

We thought it would be great to have students, faculty and locals from the community enter their pooches in the competition.

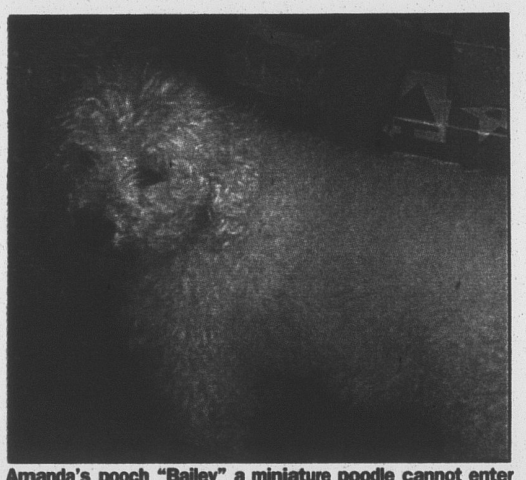
So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, so we've decided to extend the deadline for you to enter your beloved pup.

Anyone is welcome to enter, and we've decided to make it a big event complete with Titan Radio.

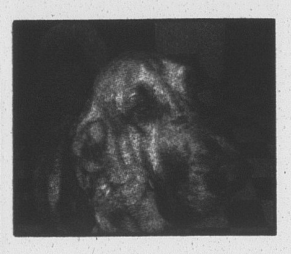
In a few weeks, some of the editors and I will sit down and eliminate the competition. Ideally, we'd like to have a winner from each of the official Westminster Dog Show categories: Toy, Terrier, Working, Herding, Non-Sporting, Hound and the Sporting groups, but in order to do so, we need more entries from you.

After our finalists are chosen, we will have their pictures down in the Tub and donations towards your favorite pup will determine our "Best in Show" winner. All proceeds will benefit the Lawrence County Humane Society. The winner will also receive a "dog treat basket" compiled by yours truly.

So far we've received emails about terriers, bloodhounds, bulldogs and Chihauhaus. If you think your pup's got what it takes to beat out the competition, simply send us a picture and in 100 words or less tell us why your Fido deserves to win. Email it to holcad@westminster.edu. May the best dog win!



Amanda's pooch "Bailey" a miniature poodle cannot enter the competition, but you can!
photo by Mrs. Robin "Bird" Hauger

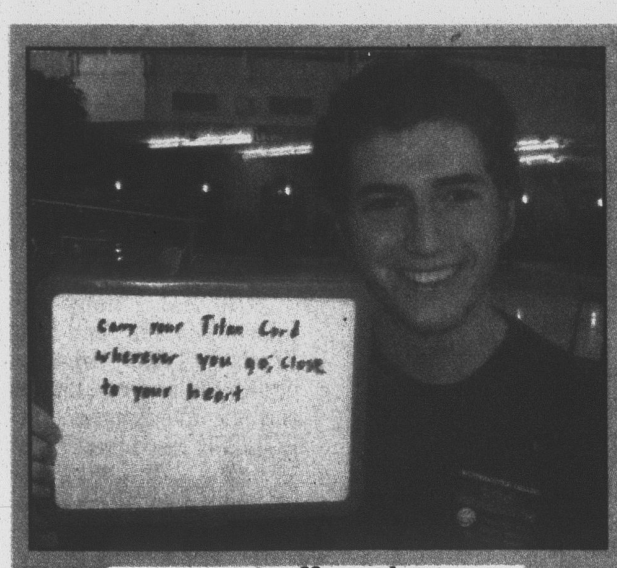


just a few of our adorable entries, sign up your pooch today!

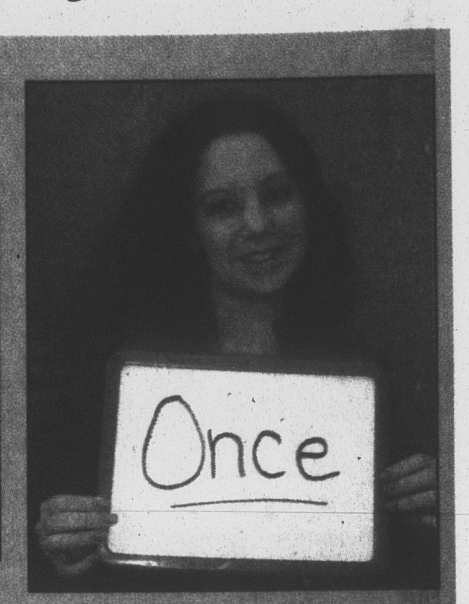
Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She has many nicknames for her dog Bailey including 'Senor Bullybush' and 'Beetle Bailey'.

Question of the Week

How many times have you lost your Titan card?



Matt Steffy, sophomore



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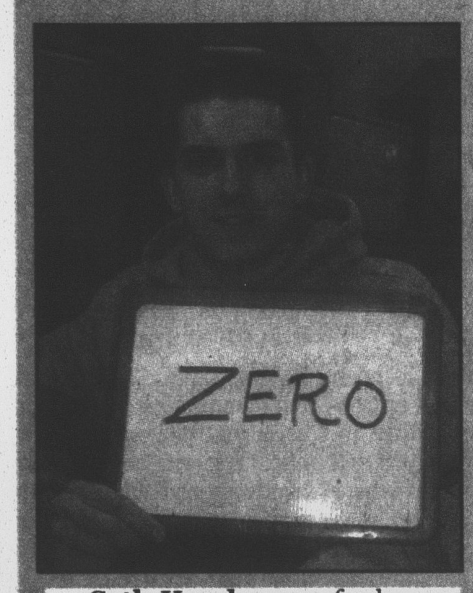

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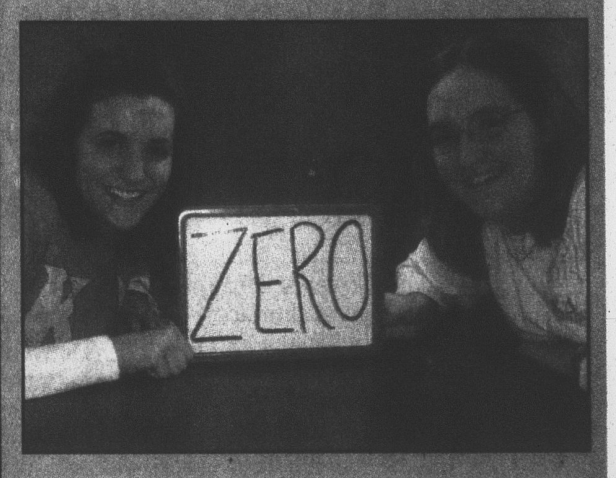

Alyson Kieffer, freshman (left)
Kassie Gustafson, freshman

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Measuring Metric

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

In today's pop milieu that idolizes singers that do not write their own songs or play their own instruments, it is hard to find a band that is true and honest to not only fans, but also the art of creating music.

The Canadian based group Metric is just one of the many independent bands that struggle to keep their individuality and sound as their music hits mainstream audiences. Internet, burned CDs, and the ever growing number of venues are helping unsigned bands gain recognition in the music world. As fanbases increase and shows become larger, it is hard for groups to keep their simplistic mentality in the game of music production.

Metric is one of the more popular independent bands in the Indie world that seem to be coping with their stardom. By keeping a level head and doing what they feel is best for the direction of their music, the group will forever keep fans satisfied with their musical genus and loyalty to the industry.

At this point, Metric seems to have found a way to provide for both mainstream audiences and underground scene. They captivate fans with clever political tones, angry yet sultry vocal talents of their lead singer, and keyboard heavy melodies. Emily Haines (vocals/synths), Jimmy Shaw (guitar), Josh Winstead (bass) and Joules Scott-Key (drums), released their second LP album Live It Out last September. Along with the release, their popularity grew and soon Metric found themselves opening for the Rolling Stones and playing on the Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

"We caught major flack almost instantly from our fans, like 'What are you guys, The Strokes all of the sudden?' "Shaw said in an interview with Adam Radwanski of the National Post. "I love all of our Metric fans ... but at the same time we're still trying to get more fans."

Even though Metric receives some criticism from loyal fans, somehow they have accomplished finding a middle ground between pop and art. Although the band is playing large shows, they still hold true to their roots. Haines has been known to say she loves playing for both the ultrachic and the MTV crowd. You can find the band anywhere from commercial rock radio to Haines playing solo piano in churches.

One way the group has accomplished their independence and musical freedom, is by taking their own path to building an audience the old fashioned way. Completely free of the music industry's tactics, they have created their own fanbase by playing shows and creating good music the past five years. Some say the band learned their lesson after paying the consequences of a soured recording contract that still holds their debut album from fans.

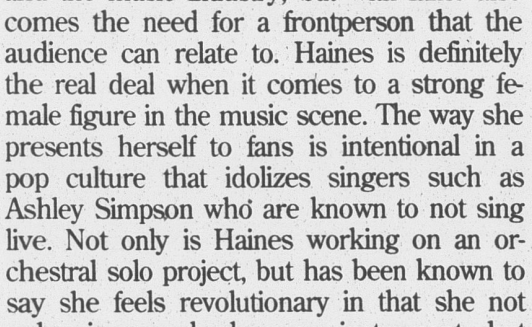
With the release of their second LP, Live it Out, the catchy song "Monster Hospital" has become a sort of poster song for the Indie-genre scene as hipsters are in a hurry to get the new album downloaded into their iPods. The album was produced in a series of old interconnected office rooms on the second floor of a bank in Toronto. Shaw believed the space could be converted into a home studio, where Live It Out could be created without the intervention of an outside producer.

Although the album has the same feel as past records, it is not as "dancy" and incorporates a sinister-like undertone. Lyrics also introduce a new political viewpoint as Haines creates tension in the song "Handshakes" where she introduces a loud disdain for the American administration and consumerism.

Metric not only has to face the pressure of mainstream audiences, their loyal fans, and the music industry, but with fame also comes the need for a frontperson that the audience can relate to. Haines is definitely the real deal when it comes to a strong female figure in the music scene. The way she presents herself to fans is intentional in a pop culture that idolizes singers such as Ashley Simpson who are known to not sing live. Not only is Haines working on an orchestral solo project, but has been known to say she feels revolutionary in that she not only sings and plays an instrument, but writes lyrics and helps compose.

Metric will continue to keep underground fans as well as the mainstream culture thinking. The strong lyrics in their new LP not only bring a new tone to the band, but also bring a new voice to commercial rock radio and the music industry.

Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.



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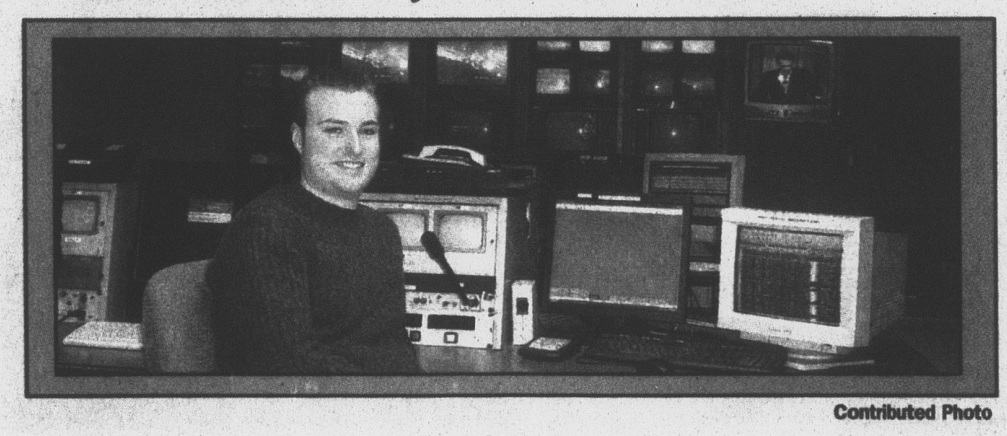
Q & A with one lucky senior

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of an avid broadcaster



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Luke Garrett has a schedule that few students could keep up with: everyday this 23 year-old senior broadcast communications major wakes at 2:00 a.m. and drives to Youngstown, Ohio to direct the 5 and 6 a.m. newscasts for WKBN TV Channel 27. The newscasts end at 8, and Luke must arrive back on campus in time for his daily 9:20 class. On the weekends, Luke also directs the 6, 10 and 11 p.m. newscasts.

Having a part-time job at WKBN directing the news and maintaining his class schedule is a full load, but Luke explains why his constant lack of sleep is worth it.

"I like my job a lot," Luke said. "Although I only have off one day a week (Monday), if I didn't have a job right now I'd be flipping out."

Luke first found out about the opening at WKBN through broadcast department chair Dr. David Barner. Because of Luke's professionalism during the interview, he was able to beat out other candidates that were more qualified than him. Luke credits the Career Center for helping him obtain the position.

"I think the Career Center helped me out a lot," Luke said. "They gave me a lot of confidence going into the interview."

Participating in broadcasting opportunities at the college gave Luke the experience he needed in order to land a job so early in his career. He is involved with The County Line and Westminster Cable Network sports production.

"The County Line is always hectic and it helped me especially with everyone's inexperience," Luke said. "As a director, I was instructing people with no experience with sports or as on-air talent for The County Line."

At WKBN, Luke directs professionals who have been in the business for the past 30-40 years.

"Directing the news at WKBN is a little awkward because I'm telling a 50 year-old cameraman what to do," Luke explained. "I'm not trying to be arrogant; I'm actually trying to be the exact opposite. However, it is a professional setting and everyone is working well together. I feel like they're taking to me well."

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Broadcasting is something Luke enjoys and finds challenging.

"This job won't ever get old. I am always striving for perfection and everything is so last minute that perfection doesn't always happen easily," Luke said. "It's a team effort and for me, a real rush."

Besides being a dedicated broadcaster, Luke is quite the avid outdoorsman when he finds the time. He visits his cabin in Medix, PA (about three hours from Pittsburgh) when he gets the chance, and his passion is hunting and fishing. Coincidentally, Luke's long term goal is to one day produce hunting and fishing programs for an outdoor channel. His dream may happen sooner than he thinks, particularly with the valuable broadcasting experience at his present directing position.

Currently, Luke is planning his brother's bachelor party even though he may not get off of work to attend the three-day lake party. He is the youngest of four children and his mother works in the education department on campus.

Sorry ladies, this week's Titan Eye Candy is currently dating his high school girlfriend.

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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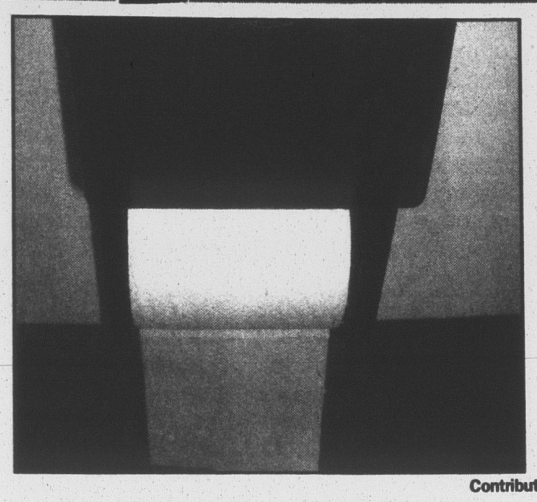

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Who let the dogs out?

Clearly, the *Holcad* did.
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Wide open spaces

New $200,000 parking lot announced

By Katie Frantz
Campus writer

"It does not seem reasonable that a parking lot should cost so much to build."

Sophomore Lindsay Egg

Thousands of our dollars and cents are disappearing into the fund for building a new parking lot for the 2006-07 academic year.

Starting next year, students will finally have more space to park their cars on campus. The lot will be located on the visitors' side of the football field. The grass-filled area that is there now will be torn out and paved over, making way for the new parking lot. There are also going to be approximately sixty spaces added beside the new townhouses that are currently under construction. The original estimated cost of the lot was $100,000, but with all of the various labor and permit costs, it is actually going to be closer to $200,000. Students are beginning to wonder why the estimated cost for a parking lot is so high and how the estimated cost could be half the price of the present cost.

"It does not seem reasonable that a parking lot should cost so much to build," said-sophomore Lindsay Egg." I don't understand where our tuition is disappearing to."

John Lechner, Dean of Safety and Security, offered some helpful insight into this uncertain financial situation.

"It will cost around $1500 to $1600 per space. Permits are also needed to build the lot, and there are labor costs that need to be paid," Lechner said.

Several factors besides the permits and labor pay are included in the cost of the new parking lot. Engineering plans, a storm water runoff plan and the excavation for the drains that will eliminate water runoff are all very costly. The drain lines themselves will also cost a decent amount of money. Assorted sizes of gravel will be needed to lay the foundation for the lot, which can prove to cost varying amounts of money.

There are two choices for the material that the parking lot will be paved with: cement or asphalt. If cement is used, it could increase the cost of the lot dramatically because it is stronger and lasts for a longer amount of time. Therefore, a large area such as a parking lot could add a large sum of money to the final bill. If asphalt is used, however, it is much cheaper than the price of cement because it is not as durable and takes less time to dry. The downside of asphalt is that it must be replaced much quicker than cement.

Labor tasks such as excavation and grading, hauling material to different locations, stripping the old pavement, laying new pavement and installing lights and signs are all additional costs. The light poles alone cost $3000-$4000 each on the campus.

"Although it seems like such a simple and cheap process, there is more effort and money put into the build

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Oh Brother, where are thou?

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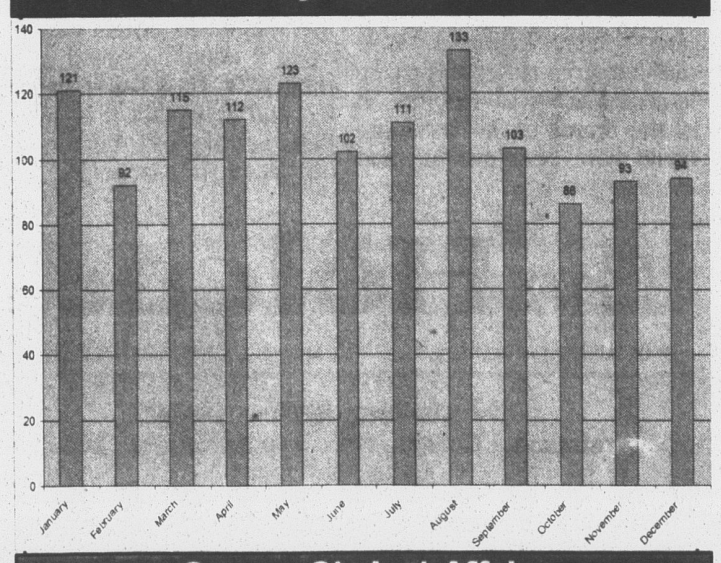
Campus statistic of the week

Student birthday distribution, by month



Source: Student Affairs

A "major" change: new Communications major

By Allison Houser
Campus writer

The communication studies, theatre and art department has announced that the major "speech communications" will now be known as "communication studies."

The name change will take effect next semester, and new students and those changing majors will no longer be able to major in speech communications. Students interested in majoring in this area will instead major in communication studies. Those already majoring in speech communications will be given the option to continue with the track they are on, or to switch to the new one.

Dr. Colleen Deisler, assistant professor of communication, played an integral part in the development of the change.

"I'm really excited about it," Deisler said. "I think it's going to help students become more marketable after graduation."

The communications department decided the title "Communication Studies" better described the proposed major, since the title "Speech Communications" was misleading.

"It clearly defines communication studies as being more than public speaking and shows it to be interdisciplinary," instructor Keith Corso said.

According to the revision statement, many prospective students inquired about a communications major, and the change may push more to consider this major.

Chair of the communication studies department Dr. David Barner said the speech major wasn't as successful as he hoped it would be, and believes the new major is better.

"It's a much more viable major for students than speech," Barner said.

Other schools' communications programs were researched, and the communication studies department said, in the major revision, that the communication studies major will help students more in the job market than a speech communications major.

"The communication degree is so beneficial in the marketplace because it gives students a lot of diverse career options after graduation," Deisler said.

Some courses will be cut from the curriculum. Listening was terminated because it was already taught in other communication courses and the professor who used to teach this course is not with the department anymore. Argumentation and Debate and Speech and Debate Practicum are no longer being offered because the faculty does not specialize in these areas. The Speech and Debate Team no longer exists because none of the current department members have enough time to devote to the team, nor could any scholarships be offered to the participating students.

Also dropped from the major program is the cross listing for Oral Interpretation. This class will still be offered as a theatre course.

The title of Advanced Public Speaking will also be changed to "Professional Presentations." This clearly states what the class is teaching, and it gives students in other majors a chance to enhance their presentations.

Communication studies majors will also have to complete a minor in another discipline. Communication is such a broad category, and

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Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®

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Saturday: Cooler with spotty showers, 58/36
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

The Holcad *should not have weighed-in on "hit list" matter*

There is not a college big enough to hold the ego that you have made for yourself last week [ed: 3/3 edition]. I got a fact to fight your rumor: it is none of your business whether or not what you call "the hit list" situation is valid or not. It is your job to report the facts and happenings of the campus that are valid to the campus. This is a very private matter that did not need your hype, exposure, or embellishment. You caused a mass hysteria that should have been avoided. Did you use any kind of moral ethic before publishing a full page of nothing but garbage? I do not understand how you think you are entitled to anything and I find it funny how you feel you have any sort of power. I cannot believe that you would threaten the school with bad publicity for trying to handle this situation with extreme discretion for the sake of all parties involved. You are a college newspaper. Period. You must not have anything better to do than take every negative rumor and "expose the truth." How old are we now? The truth is, as previously stated, that the situation was, is, and will remain private. I hope in the future you will understand your role in this establishment, which is reporting the accomplishments of the Westminster students and the college as a whole.

A.J. Fikejs
Sophomore

Student commends The Holcad *for its stance on the "hit list"*

I just wanted to commend you all for writing the article and editorial about the hit list. I agree with the running of the article and the opinions toward the school 100%. How can a 5th grader say kill and get expelled, and our school do practically nothing when someone has weapons and writes a hit list? I know a ton of people who are planning on informing their parents and I would expect that the school will receive a lot of grief for their actions. Our school is not making me happy at all right now, and I am not sure if I would recommend it right now to any prospective students, considering that the authority figures seem to have little concern for their students, who pay $30,000 a year to attend. Thank you for writing about a concern that all the students have and exercising freedom of the press as it should be.

Christine Line
Sophomore

The Holcad *"lost readers" because of "hit list" story*

I was very disappointed at the low level you stooped to to get readers for this week's edition of *The Holcad* [ed: 3/3 edition]. By putting that story and picture on the front page you not only embarrassed the poor kid more than he already was, I'm sure those girls did not appreciate that picture on the cover. People were more worried about who was who. which girl was "half black" or "slut", than they were about your so-called story. Not that I agree with what the kid did, but I disagree even more with your low tactics to get some readers. You printed this story to get readers, but i have [talked] to a lot of people who were offended by this story. So instead of gaining readers you lost at least 10 that i know of, so keep printing your stories and keep losing readers. I also found 5 errors in the story on the front page alone.

Josh Kutzner
Sophomore

Repeated pipe leakages, restroom lock-outs deplorable

We, the students who live Galbreath, are concerned about its sanitary conditions. Last year, the sewage pipes exploded, leaving us without water, but with a severe aroma. This year, it has happened again. And again. And again and again and again. Each time this happens, we are not allowed to use the water in the restrooms. This causes inconvenience for many of us.

Most of the time, the problem occurs at night and workers rush to fix it, no matter what time it is. We are grateful for their work. But there was at least one occasion when we awoke to find that the sewage had burst and we were not to use the restroom. We need to get ready for classes in the morning—this involves showering and brushing our teeth. Some of us have classes in which we are expected to look professional. Furthermore, to deny the access to restrooms in the first place is cruel. True, we have the option to walk to McKelvey or Browne, but why should we? Why should we continuously have to do this? To deny us hygenic practices is ludicrous. We are also concerned about the constant sewage odor that wafts through the building. It has enough power to make students nauseous. The fact that a cafeteria is located in this building (not to mention that most every student has food in her room) further worries us, for obvious reasons.

We respect that accidents happen sometimes, but the fact that this keeps happening, sometimes several times per week, is unbelievable. We implore you to take serious action to solve this serious problem once and for all.

With all due respect,

Pam Ropelewski, on behalf of the students of Galbreath

The Presbyterian Premium

College has obligation to inform students et alia about changes

By Ben Nelson and Ray Walling
Guest op/ed writers

Diversity is often a touchy subject at academic institutions and Westminster College is no exception. We acknowledge the importance of diversity through various initiatives, including the Office of Diversity Services. Listed goals include "the recruitment, retention, and success of students of diverse cultures and racial backgrounds" and to "prepare students to become effective leaders and productive citizens in the culturally diverse 21st century." Unfortunately, a handful of recent college initiatives will make achieving these goals increasingly problematic. An expanding scholarship program is perhaps at the top of the list.

Four years ago, a SWAT member would inform his perspective students that Westminster was very loosely affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. However, the following year the Board of Trustees came to the conclusion that the institution needed to take actions that would revert back to its Presbyterian roots—i.e., strengthen this affiliation. Comments have been made over the past few years about improving the quality of students through a newly established program: the Young Presbyterian Scholars program. However, this goal seems to have fallen away. President R. Thomas Williamson is quoted on our website as saying, "Our interest is in serving the church by offering the first and best opportunity to attend Westminster to young Presbyterians." And President Williamson is putting his money where his mouth is. The clear statement against building a diverse student body is only exacerbated by the enormous sum of money dedicated to the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program.

Shouldn't the first and best opportunity be offered to the best academically qualified students? Should Mother Fair look for a type of student that she believes would fit her nostalgic view of the past? The answer from the liberally educated individual to the latter question must be no. While YPS brings students from around the United States and a few other countries, to define diversity in such geographical terms is very simplistic. A broader comprehension of diversity would include admitting students of other ethnic backgrounds and, yes, admitting students of other religious affiliations. Perhaps Westminster would be better served by admitting a minority student with an excellent scholastic record than an academically mediocre applicant with a pastoral recommendation.

The proponents of the YPS program insist that the program has strict academic prerequisites including a minimum 3.5 high school grade point average. However, the YPS program defines grade point average in a manner slightly different from other scholarship programs. The YPS GPA is not weighted. All courses are counted equally and, thus, students are not rewarded for engaging in rigorous classes. This is an underhanded and deceptive method of lowering admissions standards. The remaining program criteria have little to do with scholarship.

Non-Presbyterian students face much stricter criteria when applying for scholarship money. A potential student with a 3.49 GPA in college preparatory subject (i.e. a weighted GPA) would receive only $8,500 per year. On the other hand, a Presbyterian applicant with lesser academic qualifications would be entitled to annual funding of $11,000.

In fact, a non-Presbyterian applicant must have a weighted GPA of 3.70 and a 1200 minimum SAT score to receive the same funding as that YPS student obtains. The average SAT score of the incoming YPS students was 1110. That means most of them would not have qualified for the same level of funding if they were of another religious affiliation. Fair? Hardly! Increasing diversity? Not in a million years! Students should be outraged that their scholarship money is going to their less qualified colleagues. Unfortunately, the litmus test for receiving funding at Westminster College is religious in nature. And one needs only to look as far as the YPS website to figure this out.

A successful YPS applicant must be an active member in the PC(USA) branch of Presbyterianism. Unfortunately, this requirement results in qualified candidates being excluded from receiving scholarship dollars. A Muslim student, no matter how gifted, is ineligible for funding. The same holds true for Jewish students, Catholic students, and many others. The YPS program achieves only "geographic diversity." Essentially, this equates to attracting very similar students from across the country. Consider the decision-making processes that go into selecting a school. These decisions are often made at the margin, based on the financial need of the prospective student. How many high-quality students has Westminster lost because those marginal dollars were allocated based on religious affiliation and not academic excellence?

Westminster College is moving quickly towards becoming another Grove City. And it is perfectly within its rights to do so. However if Westminster is going to move in this direction, it also has an obligation to make that fact clear to its donors, alumni, faculty, students and prospective students. Because it is a marked change, such information should be brought to the forefront and made apparent. It should not be hidden in an obscure location on the website. If Westminster is committed to tilting the scholarship playing field in favor of a particular religious affiliation, it should at least be honest about it. And that includes admitting that diversity has taken a backseat to these goals.

"Cover it up" not effective problem solving method for college

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

This week I would like to draw attention to something I noticed during the huge ruckus with the last issue of this paper. It seems to me that the college has grown attached to a pretty crappy method for dealing with problems on campus.

From what I can tell, it's a two-step program. Step one consists of ignoring the problem, downplaying it, and pretending that it isn't an issue. Step two consists of never speaking of it again, hoping that everyone eventually forgets about it - problem solved.

I've watched this happen twice in the past month. Of course, I've only noticed it because this two-step method horribly backfired and brought a bit more attention to the two events than they would normally get.

The first event was the last edition of The Holcad. Well, the paper itself wasn't the event, it was more about certain items reported within it. It wasn't until the students heard about the "hit list" by word of mouth and read about it in The Holcad that a campus-wide email was sent regarding it. Seriously, students had no warning from Student Affairs until someone went and complained. It had to acknowledge that things were going on, and they did so very reluctantly.

As soon as they could, they tried to downplay it again. You may or may not remember that the all campus meeting was cancelled three days before it was scheduled because of scheduling conflicts. They were more than likely telling the truth, but it really does seem sneaky, almost as if they're trying to do that whole "ignore it and it'll go away" thing again.

The second event is one of my favorites: the leaky sewage pipe I call "Old Faithful." After the last eruption, the school put a ban on the bathroom near the old entrance to the dining hall. I was under the assumption that it would be off limits until the sewage problem was fixed. As far as I know, the bathroom was never opened again.

Recently, I have heard that the pipe has exploded yet again. Despite the fact that the school had closed off that bathroom, the problem was still there, waiting to strike. In the past week, there have been sewage trucks on campus and the water is off and on in some buildings. There hasn't been any word to if these problems are related, but I'd say it's a pretty good guess that they are.

In both of these cases, I think that the school would have done a lot better if they had just dealt with the problems head-on instead of locking them in a closet and trying to forget about it. How much of the drama of the last issue could have been avoided had the school kept students informed? Oh, and how much sewage would have stayed in the pipes if the school had made sure the problem was fixed the first time?

Anyway, I'm not an expert at running a college. I do think, though, that maybe we wouldn't have so many problems around here if some of this stuff was addressed in full the first time around.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. His stress ball is quite a weapon against evil, rabid rats. They see it coming and think that it is perhaps another evil, rabid rat, but are then disappointed.

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Letter to the Administration

To the Westminster Administration:

I am writing you in regards to the March 3, 2006 edition of The Holcad.

There is an article informing the student body as to a hit list made by a student that had fellow classmates shot up by an air rifle. In the article, Dean John Lechner said to the student body not to fear for its safety. However, how can someone not fear for their safety when someone else has descriptive figures, labels, and most of all actual names on a torn up piece of paper?

However my main reason as to writing you concerns a racially derogatory comment made on one figure. The title states "I am part black." No matter whom the student involved in the issue is white, black, or both the comment was uncalled for and needed action. With hunting knives found in the students dorm room I am wondering as to when "zero tolerance" comes into effect. If this weapon could be used to "gut a rabbit" as Dean Lechner said, how is this not dangerous? Is a weapon not a weapon?

Another question is how the issue seemed to be swept under the rug. The issue was brought to your attention on Monday February 27 and on Friday March 3, my child walked past the alleged hit list creator. To clarify, my child said they learned the identity of the creator via other channels—not through the publication of the article.

When the RA and RD were informed of the shot-up list hanging proudly on the student's dorm wall, they said nothing could be done. However you fear for the safety of the students when it comes to alcohol paraphernalia in rooms. In fact, after this, I believe those violations are treated with higher regard than a death threat.

This is not the issue of punching a pillow in frustration. The student took the time to draw out the individuals, name the individuals, load the gun to shoot at the individuals, and hang the carnage on the wall as the hunter he is.

As I learned in my history classes, history repeats itself. When the unfortunate event of Columbine high school unfolded in 1998 all schools adopted a zero tolerance policy. My child has witnessed events in their junior high and high school where students were expelled after threatening students' safety.

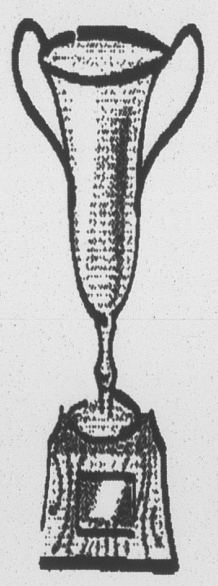
So, I wonder as to when a policy of zero tolerance will come into effect. A shooting at a college level can happen.

In 2003, Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio had a gunman enter and murder students in class rooms. You may fear bad press now, but I fear a shooting will destroy the image of the college as well as the New Wilmington community.

The administration needs to better inform the student body of issues that directly affect us. If you say that's what we have a school newspaper, radio and TV station for, it is not true when they aren't permitted to print justly what the students need to know.

I really hope that this issue and future issues are handled in a better manner. If you did not wish for *The Holcad* to run the story, you should have addressed the student who wrote the list and the consideration of the students on the list in a better fashion.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Kukla
A concerned parent



Got a Favorite Professor?
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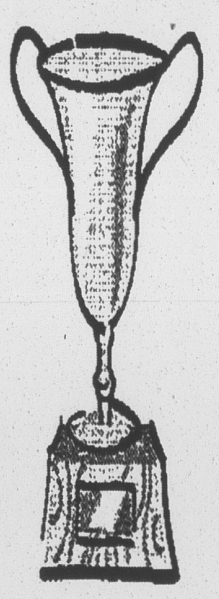

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Arrests made in Moonda killing

A federal jury has indicted two people in the death of Gulam Moonda, a Mercer County doctor murdered on the Ohio Turnpike in May 2005.

"Person of interest" Damian Bradford was arrested March 30 and faces charges. Authorities plan to arrest 21-year-old Charlene McFrazier and charge her with perjury. According to officials, McFrazier lied to authorities about her alibi on the day of Moonda's murder.

Under the indictments, Bradford now faces charges including interstate stalking and the use of a firearm during a violent crime.

Former Lawrence County D.A. takes new position

Former Lawrence County district attorney Matt Mangino, has accepted a position with the National District Attorney's Association in Alexandria, Va. Mangino will serve as project director overseeing training and programs connected with homeland security and flushing hidden terrorists in our country. Mangino served two terms as the Lawrence County D.A. and was a candidate for district court judge in a recent election.

Memorial to recieve portion of movie revenue

The Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown, Pa. will recieve a portion of the North American box office revenue during the opening weeked of a new movie titled "United 93." The movie is about the hijacked airliner that crashed in the Somerset County town on Sept. 11, 2001. "United 93" opens April 28.

Voters undecided in gubernatorial race

A statewide poll shows 34 percent of Pa. registered voters are undecided in the governor's race. A recent Issues-PA poll show 35 percent back Republican challenger Lynn Swann and 29 percent back incumbent Democrat Ed Rendell.

Woman pleads guilty in father's murder

A 26-year-old Beaver County woman has pleaded guilty to third degree murder charges in the shooting death of her father. Melissa Ann Kost of Rochester said she wrestled a pistol from her father, Edward Kost, and shot him in the head after a fight. Her mother, who was also involved in the fight, initially said she had shot the man.

Water Line Crews Back at Work in New Wilmington

Work crews headed back to work on replacing water lines along Market Street in New Wilmington. It's part of the ongoing project to address the water line repairs in the heart of the borough's business district. A few months ago a water main break caused basements to flood and the street turn into a gushing stream. Borough officials urge drivers to remain alert during the water line work.

Spring Breakers Help with Hurricane Katrina Relief

When Westminster students left for Spring Break, one group headed to Mississippi to help survivors of Hurricane Katrina. These students traveled as part of a work trip to Gulf Coast through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They received assignments from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in clean up and restoration efforts.

New Wilmington Borough Agrees on New Tax

The New Wilmington Borough Council Monday gave the green light to a new emergency service tax. Council adopted the ES tax to supplement the $10 mandatory occupational privilege tax. Borough officials say the new emergency service tax of $22 a year will help offset the cost of police and fire protection. Borough officials say they'll also collect on the tax quarterly instead of requiring people to pay in one lump sum each year.

Lawrence County Prepares for Weather Drill

Lawrence County commissioners say the county will join with 67 other Pennsylvania counties in a statewide severe weather drill later this month. Lawrence County's Emergency Management Agency along with area schools, hospitals, nursing homes and even day care centers will participate on Friday, March 17. That's when a mock weather emergency will go out on the Emergency Alert System and local communities will test their preparedness for such an event.

Governor Rendell has proclaimed March 12-18 "Weather Emergency Preparedness Week." Officials say historically the most violent thunderstorms and tornados develop during the spring and early summer months for Western Pennsylvania. They say participating in this drill is a great dress rehearsal for a real weather emergency.

Westminster Increasing Tuition Tuition Hike of Nearly 7%

Westminster students and their parents can expect a hike in tuition next fall of 6.68%. The board of trustees approved the increase in tuition and board during its recent annual meeting. College officials blame rising energy costs for the increase. Next year's tuition, housing and board along with campus fees will total almost $31,300.

Crash in Scott Township Car Slams into Utility Pole

Ambulance crews and volunteer firefighters responded to a car crash Friday morning on Route 19 in Scott Township, Lawrence County. The car heading north slammed into a utility pole causing heavy damage to the vehicle and the pole. The accident occurred across the highway from the Castle Cheese plant.

Ripped from the Wire

Regional

Man accused of sex with runaway girl is out of jail

Missing girl found

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A man accused of sex crimes with a girl who ran away from home 10 years ago was released from jail Tuesday after posting $10,000 bond.

Thomas Hose, 48, went to McKeesport, where he lives with his parents, his attorney said.

"He's very, very thrilled to get out," attorney Jim Ecker said.

Tanya Nicole Kach, 24, told police last week that she had been living for a decade in Hose's house.

Hose was charged with statutory sexual assault and three counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse. A judge has ordered that Hose wear an electronic monitor and that he have no contact with Kach.

Kach told police Hose kept her in a bedroom in the small, two-story home in McKeesport. She told police that soon after she moved in, Hose threatened to kill her if she attempted to leave, according to a police affidavit.

Ecker said his client didn't hold Kach against her will.

Hose is a security guard at the middle school Kach attended, but he was suspended last week.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 6.

Also on Tuesday, Kach met with the deli owner to whom she revealed her true identity last week. Joe Sparico, owner of JJ's Deli Mart, then notified police.

"I love her. I consider her my daughter," Sparico told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. "She wanted to find her dad again, and I'm so I happy that I could do that for her. She asked me for help and I gave it to her."

Kach's father, Jerry Kach; stepmother, Jo-Ann Kach; and stepbrother Kevin McGuire, 18, joined her for the meeting.

Kach said she has enjoyed coming and going as she wants and talking on the phone.

"My dad says, 'You're like a teenager again. You're constantly on the phone. I just can't wipe the smile off my face,'" she told the newspaper.

National

Government working to upgrade mile per gallon average for light trucks

Better gas milage requirements

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government is telling automakers to start churning out pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles and vans that go farther on a gallon of gas than today's models.

New fuel economy rules, covering 2008 through 2011, are being issued to the auto industry amid growing public concern about U.S. dependence on foreign sources of oil and rising pump prices.

The new rules represent the most significant changes to the Corporate Average Fuel Economy system in three decades and will affect automakers' product lineup. They follow President Bush's declaration that the U.S. is "addicted to oil." Bush has called for a 75 percent reduction in Mideast oil imports by 2025.

The new rules do not apply to passenger cars, which must meet a 27.5 mile per gallon average.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta was announcing the rule changes Wednesday.

Under the CAFE system, automakers now must meet an average of 21.6 mpg for their 2006 model year light trucks. That average will rise to 22.2 mpg for 2007 vehicles.

Changes first proposed last summer would lead to a projected fleetwide average of 24 mpg by 2011, though the final rules could require higher standards.

Automakers probably would need to meet fuel economy targets based on their mix of vehicles.

Environmental groups have pressed for the higher standards and urged that the rules start applying to large trucks and sport utility vehicles such as the Hummer H2 and Chevrolet Suburban.

"The fact that fuel prices have increased and more importantly, fuel price forecasts have increased since the proposal was developed suggests a stronger standard is warranted," said Eric Haxthausen, an economist with Environmental Defense.

Environmentalists want the Bush administration to improve upon last summer's proposal's projected savings of 10 billion gallons of oil over the lifetime of the vehicles sold from 2008-11.

The administration said it would save more fuel than any previous rulemaking in the history of the light truck program, but the groups said it only amounted to a few weeks worth of oil consumption.

"The president is the one who said we're addicted to oil. This is his most important tool to curb that addiction," said Dan Becker, who directs the Sierra Club's global warming and energy program.

The proposal from last summer also would phase out a single standard for light trucks and create different mileage goals for six categories of vehicles. Industry groups said the new plan may call for more specific fuel economy standards based on a vehicle's dimensions.

Automakers have noted that the final plan will likely mean seven straight years of higher fuel economy requirements for light trucks. The industry has fought previous attempts to raise the standards but has expressed support for the proposal's direction.

U.S. automakers such as General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. have said the current system hurts them against the competition because sales of large SUVs must be offset by the sale of smaller light trucks to comply with fuel economy rules.rapper at the announcement, handed over a framed poster for his 1991 single "New Jack Hustler" and two versions of his 1993 CD "Home Invasion," the first of which his record label never released because of creative differences. He released it himself.

"Hip-hop didn't need to be validated," Ice-T said after the announcement. "Hip-hop never asked for acceptance. But we got it, and that's a wonderful thing."

Afrika Bambaataa, a DJ who in 1982 organized the first European hip-hop tour, donated his jacket bearing black nationalist Marcus Garvey's name and image, a red fez and a poster of the Source magazine's 50th issue cover, which he graced with Flash and Herc.

Herc, who blasted the "hooliganism" in hip-hop today, said he planned to donate an amplifier, a Technics SL-1100 turntable from the early 1970s and speakers.

Def Jam Records co-founder Russell Simmons gave away a wooden advertisement for Phat Farm, the clothing company he started.

Glass, the museum's director, said the curator's central challenge will be putting together a musical exhibit requiring multimedia components rather than merely stationary objects _ and putting it together to tell an interesting story.

International

Beatles' Apple takes on Apple Computer in British trademark battle

Apple vs. Apple

LONDON (AP) - Two legendary companies in the music industry faced off in court Wednesday in a trademark battle over a piece of fruit.

Apple Corps Ltd., the Beatles' record company and guardian of the band's musical heritage and business interests, is suing Apple Computer Inc., claiming the company violated a 1991 agreement by entering the music business with its iTunes online store.

Geoffrey Vos, a lawyer representing Apple Corps, argued in Britain's High Court that characterizing the download system as an electronic device was a "perversion" of the constraints laid down in the agreement between the two companies.

Vos said Steve Jobs, co-founder and chief executive of Apple Computer, has said the downloading of music from the Internet was the same as buying an LP in the modern world.

Apple Computer's argument that it uses the apple mark only in connection with a delivery system was "plainly wrong," Vos said.

"What Apple Computers are not doing (when) using the Apple mark is selling software, delivery systems, or anything of the like. They are selling music," Vos said. "and that is in violation of the agreement."

The computer company's logo is a cartoonish apple with a neat bite out of the side; the record company is represented by a perfect, shiny green Granny Smith apple.

Vos said the computer company had been keen to use the Apple brand on its Music Store, and had offered $1 million to Apple Corps for the rights. That was rejected by Neil Aspinall, Apple Corps' managing director, Vos said.

Apple Corps _ founded in 1968 and owned by surviving Beatles Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, the widow of John Lennon and the estate of George Harrison _ is seeking both an injunction to enforce the 1991 agreement and monetary damages for the alleged contract breach.

The 15-year-old agreement between the two Apples had ended a long-running trademark fight in which each agreed not to tread on the other's toes by entering into a "field of use" agreement.

Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple Computer said before the trial that "unfortunately, Apple and Apple Corps now have differing interpretations of this agreement and will need to ask a court to resolve this dispute."

Campus News

The great paper chase

Stolen *Holcad* copies discovered in recycling bin

By Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

An estimated 200 copies of the March 3, 2006 edition of *The Holcad* were discovered March 29 in a newspaper recycling bin outside of the Student Affairs office.

Sophomore Holly Leach, president of the Sierra Student Coalition, the organization that empties the bins on campus regularly, noticed the copies while emptying the bin with her roommate, sophomore Devin Smith.

"I was completely shocked to see them sitting in the bottom of the recycling bin," Leach said. "I called Kathryn immediately, she was ecstatic."

More than 1,000 copies of *The Holcad* disappeared from newsstands in many campus buildings early in the morning of March 3, shortly after delivery.

The Holcad staff does not yet know who is responsible for the theft. The college administration claims to have two students who are being charged with "the abridgment of freedom of speech" according to Neal Edman, dean of student affairs.

The total value of the missing copies exceeds $1,600.

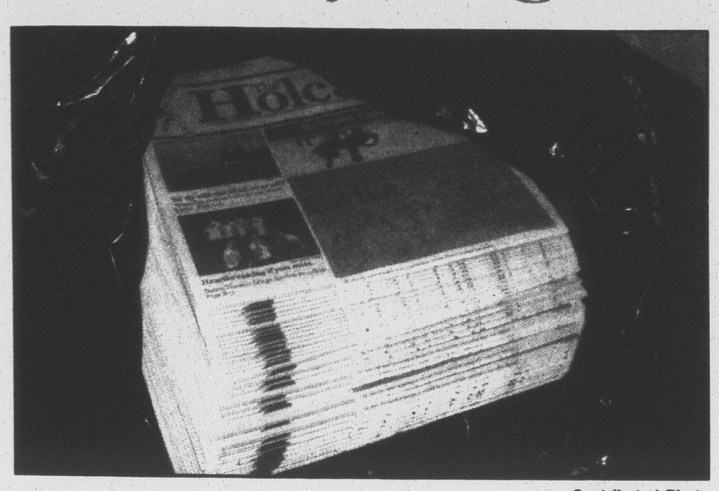
"I didn't know if *The Holcad* would be reimbursed if they could return the papers," said Leach.

"It's not my place to just recycle them, especially since there was such a conflict of where they had gone."

"I wouldn't be surprised in the slightest if the papers start turning up, stack by stack, in the recycling bins now that we're back from break," said *Holcad* advisor Jim Raykie.

The Holcad, Student Affairs and the Student Publications Board are still investigating the theft.

A more detailed report on the theft will be printed in a future of edition of *The Holcad*.



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Even stolen Holcads find a home in the recycling bin. This bag of copies of the March 3 edition was found outside of Student Affairs March 29. *The Holcad* **still does not know who stole more than 1,000 copies of the edition.**

Trash turns to treasure

Recycling program success

By Joseph Knott
Campus writer

The Sierra Student Coalition's newspaper recycling program might be too successful for its own good.

The collecting of used newspapers has not been a problem since the recycling project's launch last semester. The problem has been finding ways to efficiently move the newspapers.

Bins labeled for used newspapers located on the first and second floor of the McKelvey Student Center have been filling up so fast that the bulk of the newspapers has become too unmanageable for the members of the SSC.

A group of four SSC members have been charged with the task of transporting the newspapers from the bins in the student center to the physical plant where they are then driven to other recycling facilities. By the end of the week, however, the weight and size of the newspapers ready for relocation is simply too large a task for the students.

"It's a difficult project to coordinate," said sophomore Holly Leach, president of the Sierra Student Coalition. "It's hard to get the right collaboration from everybody."

According to Holly Leach, the club's main goal has been to collect newspapers from the college and move them to facilities where they can be shredded and then composted.

Because the deposits into the bins in the student center are so large, however, not all the newspapers being distributed throughout the college find their way to recycling facilities.

Employees at the campus bookstore, for example, are forced to throw away unused copies of The New York Times when the recycling bins fill up.

"We always try to recycle them," said Kay Galanski, bookstore clerk. "But if the recycling bins are full, we have to throw them away."

To solve this problem, the SSC would like to see more recycling bins placed in the student center and other buildings on campus.

Solving the transportation problem, however, will be more difficult. To address this issue, the members of SSC and faculty are looking for more well-organized ways of transporting the newspapers form the college to recycling facilities so they do not end up in the trash bags.

"We want to find more efficient ways of moving the newspapers," said Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology.

Ideas include taking the newspapers from the bins on campus to other, larger recycling bins located nearby like one located near Wal-Mart, for example.

The largest problem the SSC faces at the moment, however, is finding the time and energy to manage the amount of recyclable material produced by the college without the help of tools such as a newspaper shredder at the physical plant.

Regardless of the recycling program's overwhelming success, the amount of newspapers reaching the physical plant still does not justify the purchase of a $3,000 newspaper shredder to be used at the physical plant.

Two ply or one ply?

The future of our toilet paper

By Holly Leach
Campus writer

The discrepancy of one-ply versus two-ply used in the various buildings on campus has caused quite a stir.

It has been brought to the table of discussion that the bathrooms of McKelvey Campus Center and Old Main contain different toilet paper than the rest of campus' restrooms. These two buildings have two-ply toilet paper, and every other stall on campus has one-ply.

Sophomore Mitch Taylor loves the paper that is offered in the McKelvey restrooms and makes it a point to use them.

"The paper is so soft," Taylor said. "I mean so soft."

He is not the only student on campus to feel this way. It was unanimously decided that McKelvey and Old Main possess the better of the two types offered on campus.

When comparing the two types, sophomore Chris Passione had many analogies for comparison.

"The one is like sand paper," Passione said. "The other is like a fluffy pillow."

Paul Ruskim, Communications Coordinator of Physical Plant Operations at Penn State University, said that toilet paper purchasing was generally the kind of thing to keep consistent.

"I'm pretty sure it is the same all across campus due to the power of purchasing," Ruskim said.

Ruskim added that there was a possibility that it could be different because the housing department stocks only the residence halls and not the rest of the department buildings on Penn State's campus.

Washington & Jefferson uses two-ply Scott Tissue in all of their bathrooms on campus. The average cost of toilet paper per month to supply the entire campus is $1,350.

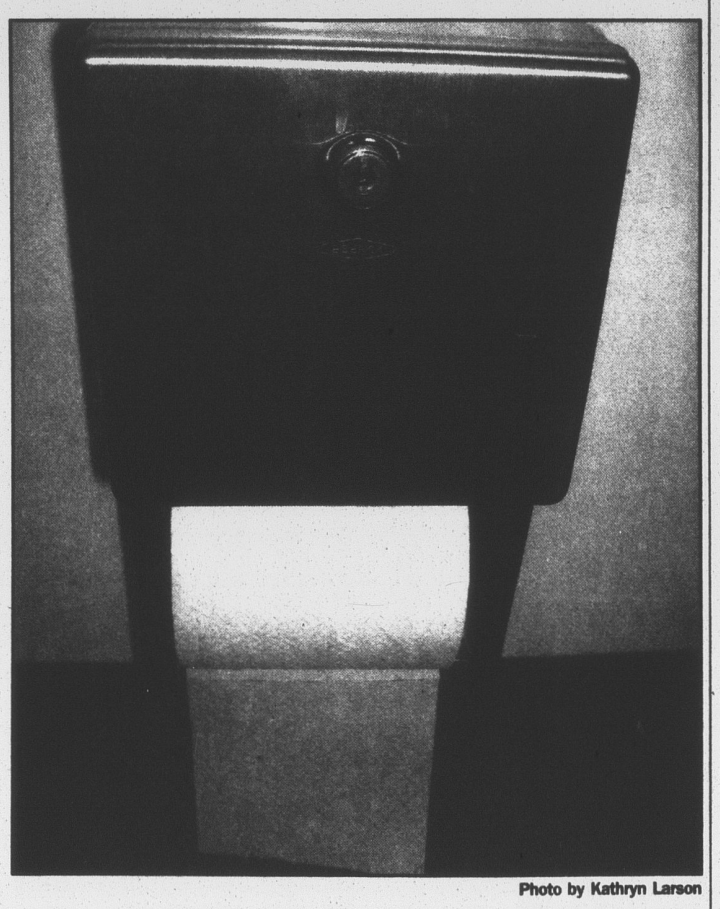

Photo by Kathryn Larson

In case you didn't know toilet paper in McKelvey and Old Main is two-ply whereas everywhere else it's one-ply.

So why the difference in toilet paper ply on this campus? Custodial Supervisor Ron Pennington said that the only difference between the plies is the type of dispensers used among the buildings. McKelvey is a new building, and Old Main was recently renovated, supplying the restrooms with different dispensers than the rest of campus. Each dispenser requires a different toilet paper and therefore has a different ply. Rest assured that the campus supplies our bathrooms with a partially-recycled toilet paper.

"It is not a green product like the unbleached white paper towels, but it is a partially-recycled paper," Pennington said.

However, there is new technology for the future of toilet paper dispensers.

According to Mr. Ruskim, new toilet paper could give a twist to the Westminster College Toilet Paper, which used to be posted on the door of every stall.

He mentioned a new invention that is called "Rsstroom" reader by softpedia. It is a laser-printing toilet paper dispenser that "knows" who is sitting on the toilet depending on weight.

Using a computer, the user can input their favorite news topics. In addition, campus news can be placed on the computer, which would then print that information on the toilet paper for users.

Oops!

The Holcad accidentally misspelled freshman Josh **Gagric**'s name in the March 3 edition. We apologize to him and our readers for this error. We are in the process of implementing a new way copyediting that will hopefully improve the grammatics of *The Holcad* and reduce errors. As always, if you notice an error, grab an extra copy of *The Holcad*, circle the error and send the copy to us.

SGA Notes

Dear Students,

Thank you for your participation in the recent SGA executive slate elections. I am honored to be your new president of the Student Government Association. Your participation in SGA events is critical to the success of SGA and the college.

In the Constitution of the Student Government Association under the membership heading reads "The Student Government Association of Westminster College shall be composed of all enrolled full-time undergraduate students who pay the student activity fee."

The membership of SGA is something that many students might not be aware of. If you meet the criteria outlined in the constitution than you are a member of SGA. You are eligible to participate in all SGA events and go to all SGA meetings. In fact you are encouraged to participate in SGA as much as possible. The only thing that you cannot do is vote in SGA meetings; only the 12 senators from each class can vote.

One of our platform goals for SGA is to make SGA more transparent and accessible to all students. I encourage all students to become involved in SGA. Become a senator. Come to the meetings (they are now every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Mueller Theater.)

The Student Government Association is a unique opportunity for all students to participate in while at college. Take advantage of it and come to a meeting and find out what SGA is all about. We do a lot more than just Volley Rock. Many of the t ings that SGA does to make your life easier at college goes unrecognized but not unnoticed. It is high time that students learn more about how they can become more involved in their college community. So, please, run as a senator, come to meetings, and become involved in SGA. Your involvement will make Westminster College a better community for all.

Sincerely,
Matthew Kerns
SGA president

March 9, 2006 Meeting Notes

* $210 was allocated to Tri Beta
* $1000 was allocated to support the Relay for Life
* $1300 was allocated to the Allies for a speaker
* WestminsterSGA is the new screen name for SGA

March 30, 2006 Meeting Notes

* Volley Rock T-shirt was selected, congratulations to our winner
* Senators place of residence are being posted in each dorm
* Congratulations to the following people for being elected to the following committees: CDC: Amy Wirtz, COC: Steve Ruperto, IRRC: Charlie Judge, PBIRC: Emily Herzing, RLC: Chris Lehberger, EMC: Allison Chlebowki, IRC: Dan Milcarzyk, SLAC: Emily Herzing, OAAC: Catherine Bishop, SPB: Jaci Sabolsky and Alissa Cochenour, JB: Carsen Nesbitt, Kevin Oshnock, Dan Milcarzyk, Pat Smith, CAB: Steve Ruperto, Aimee Gerber, Conor Simpson, FGRB: Jeff Downey, LRC: Steve Burns
* Congratulations to our Volley Rock T-shirt design winner, Julie Tvarvzek
* The Clarks were selected as a possible band to play at Volley Rock

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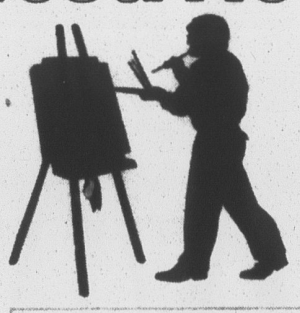

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Campus News

Out of chaos

Spring Breakers take on post-Katrina disaster areas

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

So many times in our lives, we find that words cannot and will not do justice to experience. Although English is one of my focused areas of study, I have a confession to make. Words may take shape of expression for many events in my life, but I admit that when it comes down to it, they only capture a mere representation of the actual experience itself.

Keep the aforementioned in mind as I attempt to communicate the experience of 31 students and faculty members in Pearlington, Mississippi over spring break 2006.

Arriving in a town that has not seen many helping hands from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or otherwise since the path paved by Katrina in August 2005, left myself and many others speechless.

To give you somewhat of an idea of the Pearlington; it was hit by the eye of the hurricane and at one time saw 21 feet of water attacking not only their homes, but their cemetaries, banks, post office and grocery stores. Out of about 1600 houses that stood in Pearlington before Katrina, all but 8 of them will eventually be demolished by the CORE of Engineers.

"Looking at the construction around us, it was hard to believe it was the United States," sophomore Deborah Ward said, "when we were in Pearlington, we were not only cleaning up, but spreading hope to the citizens,"

Faculty and students from Westminster College stayed at the Presbytery Assistance Disaster (PDA) camp which was located in the heart of Pearlington. It was flooded with sand that was swept in by the hurricane, and full of Canadian constructed "pods" made out of corrugated cardboard. These served as sleeping quarters for the volunteers.

This camp has been set up since the initial wreckage occurred and will probably remain in location for the next 10 to 15 years. The vision of the camp is longstanding and transcendent even as other hurricanes hit after Katrina. With altering periodical organizational leaders, the vision of "getting to the homes and recycling the lumber before the CORE of Engineers destroys them completely" is relayed to the volunteer organizations that come from around the nation.

While in Pearlington, there was ample opportunity to converse with the locals. Many took advantage of this and listened to multiple locals' survival stories.

"Talking to people in Pearlington brought new perspectives on a tragedy that occurred in our own country," sophomore Elise Woomer said, "It's an experience I'll never forget and it was such a joy to help others."

Not only did volunteers converse with the owners of the houses they gutted and mucked, but other opportunities such as a Sunday visit to a Baptist church and a Thursday evening trip to New Orleans provided the prospect of hearing intriguing stories as well.

Although the locals' stories have of course been shared amongst the Pearlington community, they have not received many chances to spread their stories to people from different areas of the country. In other words, this was not only a gift for the volunteers, but a gift for them as well. Our solace now lies in making their stories known.

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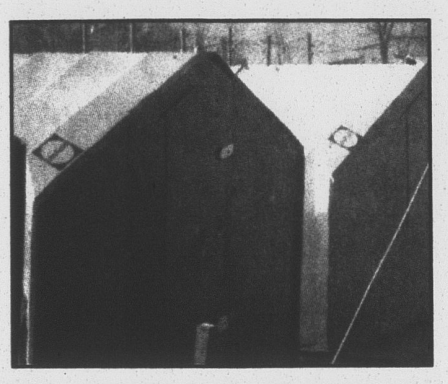

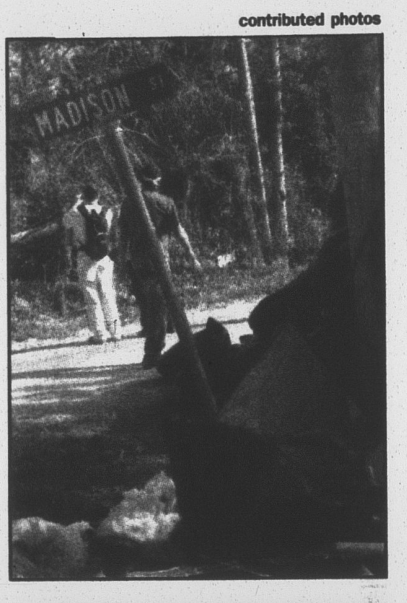

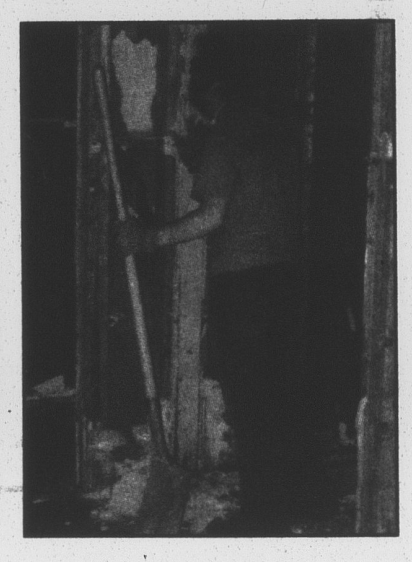

Parking

New parking lot expensive

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-ing of a new parking lot than most people think," Lechner said.

Both parking areas will be available to all students with the purchase of a parking permit. Fortunately, the permits for these lots will not cost any more than the permits for other parking areas.

"It will cost a lot of money, but hopefully it will alleviate the parking problems on campus," said sophomore Lindsey Thomas. "Students do realize that the parking lot is a good idea despite the cost."

Major

New communication major

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this makes it possible for students to focus on one major area of it.

"Human communication can be applied to so many different areas, so they have to take a minor to customize what they want to do," Corso said.

When you're smiling

Pre-dental club talks teeth

By Travis Levers
Campus writer

Whitening teeth has moved out of the dentists' office and into the homes of people all across the country.

The sales of over the counter whitening strips have been growing rapidly, and one of the biggest reasons is price. According to the Dr. Jeff Golub-Evans, a cosmetic dentist, the average cost of teeth whitening can be between $400 and $1,000. Crest Whitestrips retail for around $25.

"I have used them before and they work very well," Sophomore Sarah Mantella said.

Mantella is a member of the college's pre-dental society. She says that she had good results with the strips and had really no problems or complaints with the strips. She also said that it is important that a person maintain their usual brushing and flossing.

Crest Whitestrips are one of the top over-the-counter teeth whitening systems there are, according to consumersearch.com, a product review company. They stated that the products ease of use was a major selling point. Simply apply the strip to the teeth for thirty minutes, twice a day. The results usually leave teeth with two to four shade whitening.

The strips do not come without their downfalls. The peroxide that is used in the Whitestrips can cause gum irritation and tooth sensitivity. This is common in any tooth whitening process. The American Dental Association recommends that people with overly sensitive teeth or gum disease, refrain from using any tooth whitening method without consulting their dentist.

The most common complaint about the strips is the number of teeth in which it whitens. The strips typically only cover the front eight teeth. Leaving the teeth behind them discolored. In order to whiten all of the teeth, two strips on the top and bottom are required.

The old-fashioned method of brushing your teeth at least twice a day and flossing regularly are both ways to keep teeth white, and to avoid having to have teeth whitened. It also keeps your mouth free of plaque and reduces the risk of the gum disease gingivitis.

"I'm not a firm believer in flossing," Freshman Billy McCallion said, "But it's nice."

Joe Thomas, a senior biology major and the president of the college's Pre-Dentistry Club stressed that good oral hygiene is important, and recommends using regular toothpaste. He said the whitening toothpaste lacks some of the ingredients of regular toothpaste and is not as effective.

"If you are going to use whitening toothpaste, it should be used in addition to your regular toothpaste," Thomas said.

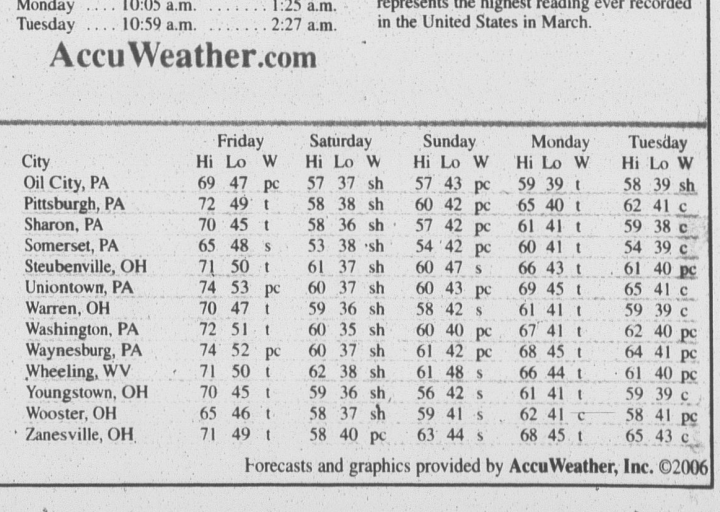
Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman is said by many to have one of the brightest smiles on campus. He said that his smile is one that is kept bright by brushing and flossing on a regular basis; however, he does admit to using a whitening gel every once and a while.

"I used a whitening gel for the first time in my performance in South Pacific," Edman said, "and I just have kept my smile bright ever since."

The ADA recommends that whether you whiten your teeth or just stick to brushing, that people visit their dentists at least twice a year for a check up. Dentists are able to catch problems, such as a cavity or impacted tooth, early, and can provide treatment before discomfort and permanent damage set in.

"Whitening toothpaste lacks some of the ingredients of regular toothpaste and is not as effective"

Joe Thomas, Pre-Dentistry Club President



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Dean of students Neal Edman says he started using teeth whitening products during a performance. Now he routinely whitens to keep his smile radiant (but don't use them too much or you'll end up with blue teeth!).

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Friday						
	High	Low				
			Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
			High 58° Low 36°	High 57° Low 41°	High 62° Low 40°	High 59° Low 38°
			Cooler with spotty showers	Mostly sunny; nice in the p.m.	A couple of t-storms possible	Chance of a shower

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 53° Low 40°	High 50° Low 39°			
Afternoon rain possible	Overcast with a chance of rain			

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:07 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
Saturday	6:05 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
Sunday	7:03 a.m.	7:47 p.m.
Monday	7:02 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	7:49 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	7:07 a.m.	9:59 p.m.
Saturday	7:39 a.m.	11:15 p.m.
Sunday	9:18 a.m.	12:15 a.m.
Monday	10:05 a.m.	1:25 a.m.
Tuesday	10:59 a.m.	2:27 a.m.

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 5	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27

Weather History

On March 31, 1954, the mercury soared to 108 degrees in Rio Grande City, Texas. That represents the highest reading ever recorded in the United States in March.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	68	44	t	56	36	sh	58	41	s	62	42	t	60	41	pc
Butler, PA	70	51	pc	58	36	sh	57	39	pc	64	41	t	58	40	c
Cambridge, OH	71	48	t	60	39	pc	63	43	s	67	45	t	64	42	pc
Canton, OH	70	46	t	58	37	sh	59	41	s	63	43	t	60	40	pc
Cincinnati, OH	67	46	t	63	42	pc	66	49	pc	68	46	sh	65	46	s
Clarion, PA	68	50	pc	56	35	sh	56	42	pc	59	41	t	57	38	sh
Clarksburg, WV	73	54	pc	63	40	c	64	42	pc	72	48	t	66	44	pc
Cleveland, OH	68	46	t	55	38	sh	57	43	s	59	41	c	58	37	s
Columbus, OH	66	46	t	61	38	pc	63	49	s	67	45	c	64	46	pc
Cumberland, MD	68	51	s	61	41	sh	61	41	pc	65	45	t	60	42	c
Erie, PA	68	46	t	53	38	sh	52	39	pc	57	38	t	53	35	pc
Franklin, PA	68	47	pc	56	36	sh	56	43	pc	58	40	t	57	37	sh
Greensburg, PA	73	52	pc	59	39	sh	60	46	pc	65	45	t	61	43	c

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	70	46	t	57	36	sh	58	43	pc	59	40	t	58	38	c
Grove City, PA	70	48	pc	58	37	sh	56	41	pc	61	41	t	57	38	c
Hagerstown, MD	68	54	s	64	43	pc	63	44	pc	62	43	c	59	40	c
Indiana, PA	74	55	pc	60	39	sh	60	45	pc	62	44	t	58	41	c
Jamestown, NY	66	44	pc	49	35	sh	51	39	pc	53	37	t	51	33	c
Kittanning, PA	72	53	pc	58	38	sh	59	43	pc	64	40	t	59	40	c
Lisbon, OH	70	46	t	57	37	sh	58	42	s	62	42	t	60	41	c
Mansfield, OH	64	43	t	57	37	sh	60	47	s	63	41	c	60	39	pc
Marietta, OH	73	51	t	62	42	pc	65	44	s	73	49	t	68	46	pc
McKeesport, PA	72	50	pc	59	38	sh	60	47	pc	67	41	t	62	44	c
Meadville, PA	68	45	t	54	37	sh	59	44	pc	57	39	t	55	38	c
Morgantown, WV	76	55	pc	60	38	sh	60	45	pc	70	46	t	66	42	c
New Castle, PA	71	47	t	59	36	sh	57	41	pc	63	40	t	59	39	c

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Oil City, PA	69	47	pc	57	37	sh	57	43	pc	59	39	t	58	39	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	72	49	t	58	38	sh	60	42	pc	65	40	t	62	41	c
Sharon, PA	70	45	t	58	36	sh	57	42	pc	61	41	t	59	38	c
Somerset, PA	65	48	s	53	38	sh	54	42	pc	60	41	t	54	39	c
Steubenville, OH	71	50	t	61	37	sh	60	47	s	66	43	t	61	40	pc
Uniontown, PA	74	53	pc	60	37	sh	60	43	pc	69	45	t	65	41	c
Warren, OH	70	47	t	59	36	sh	58	42	s	61	41	t	59	39	c
Washington, PA	72	51	t	60	35	sh	60	40	pc	67	41	t	62	40	pc
Waynesburg, PA	74	52	pc	60	37	sh	61	42	pc	68	45	t	64	41	pc
Wheeling, WV	71	50	t	62	38	sh	61	48	s	66	44	t	61	40	pc
Youngstown, OH	70	45	t	59	36	sh	56	42	s	61	41	t	59	39	c
Wooster, OH	65	46	t	58	37	sh	59	41	s	62	41	c	58	41	pc
Zanesville, OH	71	49	t	58	40	pc	63	44	s	68	45	t	65	43	c

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Ryan Trunk named All-American

He didn't make it this far by just eating his Wheaties every day.

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

There are three different types of people in life. There are those who watch things happen, those who make this happen, and those who wonder what happened. Junior swimmer Ryan Trunk happens to be one of those individuals who makes things happen. After a dream season for both Men's and Women's swimming as they were crowned PAC champions, there was one more quest one member of the team was seeking.

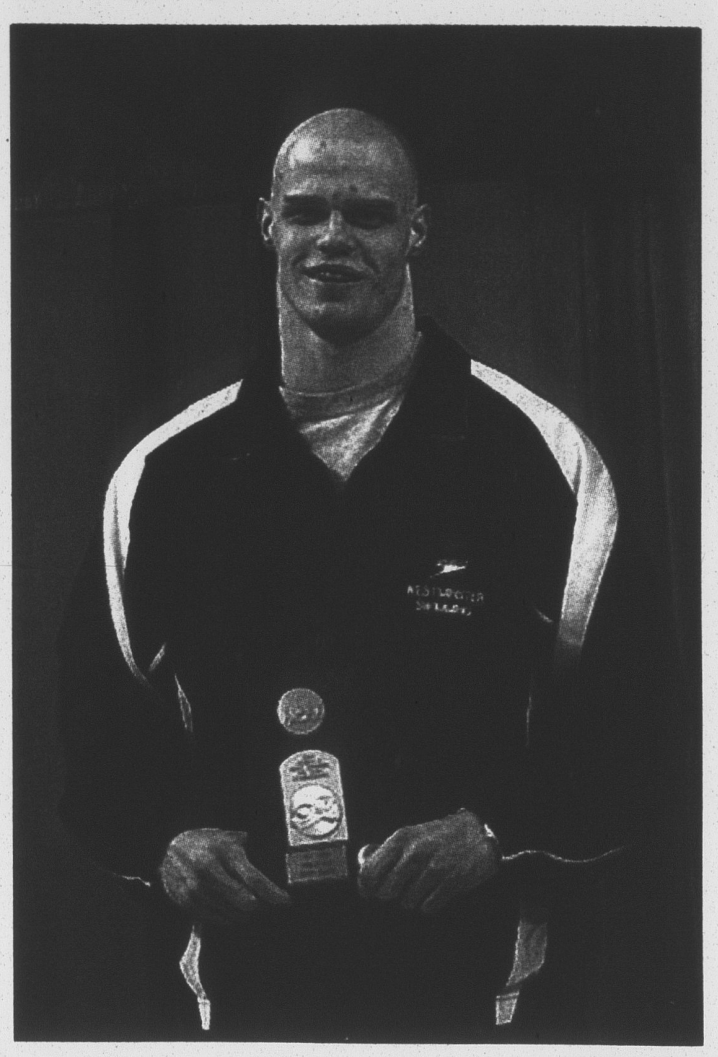
Over spring break, Trunk competed in the NCAA Division 3 National Swimming Meet at the University of Minnesota. There, he contended in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and the 200 freestyle. In the 200 Trunk finished 22nd, in the 50 8th and in the 100 6th. The sixth place finish was a new school and PAC record of 45.56.

"This was the first time ever we've had a back to back All-American" Coach Rob Klamut noted. "I never fathomed that he would ever make it this far. It's amazing to think that his first week here, he actually feared being cut from the team."

Trunk didn't make it this far by just eating his Wheaties everyday. The hard work in the off-season, then into preseason and then battling through early morning workouts on those bitter cold winter days was what it took.

"He (Trunk) worked extremely hard and did everything that we asked him to do. Ryan never missed a practice and he was eager to be faster." Klamut said. "There is still room for improvement. Ryan sets his goals and plans on finishing out his career on top." Klamut added. Were some of the goals met? Yes, they were. However, Trunk along with the rest of the Titans still feel there is a lot of work to do.

"I'm very happy with my results, but I'm defiantly not satisfied." Trunk said. "Even though I never imagined I would make it this far, I still haven't hit all of my goals; it's just more motivation to improve." Trunk also explained. Coach Klamut and Trunk alike took little time to reflect on this year's success and are already thinking about this upcoming season. Even though Trunk was the lone Titan to compete in nationals, he clarified that it is still a team sport. "Even though I was competing alone, we still finished 29th in the nation as a team. This coming year, one of our team goals is to have a relay make nationals as well and we will accomplish that goal."



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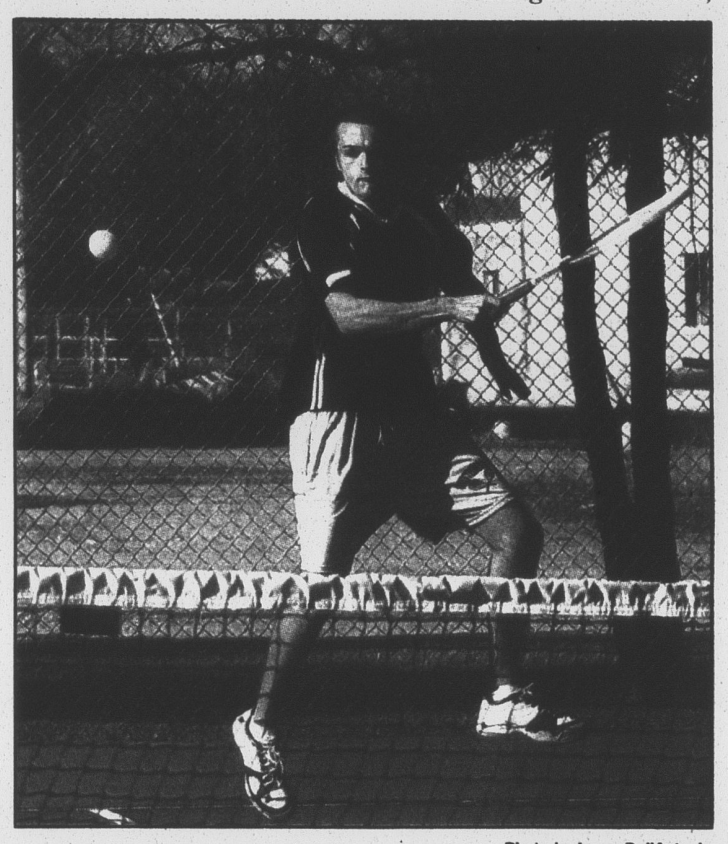
Ryan Trunk's hard work has paid off as he proudly bears his All-American Award.



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Jumping for the ball

Sophomore Gene Cunningham stretches and bounds into the air after the ball at the mens' tennis match this past week. The netters defeated Hiram College 7-2, improving their record to 4-5.

A Cinderella story

NCAA tourny filled with upsets, surpises and shockers

By Brandon Phillian
Campus Writer

If the shoe fits, wear it. In this year's NCAA tournament, the most appropriately fit shoe is the one that George Mason is wearing - Cinderella's slipper.

Upsets and dramatic finishes are what the NCAA tournament has become accustomed to, and this year's tourney has been no disappointment. The proof is in the pudding; four final four teams, no number one seeds.

UCLA, the highest seeded final four team at number two, defeated the once proclaimed Cinderella team Gonzaga to punch a ticket to Indianapolis. Florida checks in as a number three seed after impressive victories over Georgetown and Villanova. LSU has proven that it may indeed be the team to beat after knocking off top seeded Duke and a very talented Texas team.

Then there is the sentimental favorite George Mason. Wearing Cinderella's slipper, the Patriots have strolled into the final four.

Aside from the fab four, the tournament provided highs and lows, thrills and chills, and was filled with makes and heartaches. The Northwestern Stated win over number three seeded Iowa in round one will go down in the history books as one of the all time greatest upset buzzer beaters.

Kansas had another infamous year as it was upset in the first round for the second year in a row. The Illini orange is haunting coach Bill Self more and more every day.

To much dismay of the naysayers, the Missouri Valley conference was represented in fine fashion and proved it was worthy of four tournament bids by placing two teams in the Sweet 16; two more teams than the supposed strongest conference in college basketball, the Big Ten. This tournament will always be remembered as one of the few in which no number one seed reached the final four.

Truly, this year's tournament is bringing in spring with swagger and swing. Who knows, if George Mason pulls off the plausible, and at one time not at all probable feat of winning the tournament, this year tourney will ultimately be a Cinderella story.

Catching up with the Lady Titans

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Abby Mazar gets to first base just in time.

By Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

If you would have told head coach Jan Reddinger in February that her squad would be 6-10 at this point she most likely wouldn't have been very happy.

Thus far, the Lady Titans have struggled to a 6-10 record; but fortunately, it's still very early.

Some encouraging play by senior outfielder Erica Pavlinch and junior catcher/outfielder Stephanie Cornicelli have highlighted the 2006 campaign.

Cornicelli leads the squad with a .333 batting average (15-45), while stealing five bases in as many attempts.

Pavlinch, also hitting at a .333 clip (7-21), posted a team-best two hits against Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

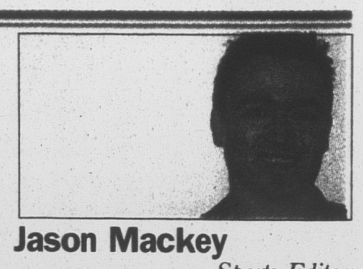
Despite a miniscule earned run average, junior pitcher Jennifer Pancake's record stands at a modest 6-6. Pancake's ERA (0.68) is impressive enough, but striking out 46 through 72 1/3 innings isn't bad either.

Senior second-basewoman Abby Mazar has provided steady leadership, while hitting .316 in 14 games. Mazar shown her usual self at second base, fielding nearly everything hit her way (.986 fielding percentage).

The Lady Titans closed the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, FL with a 3-7. Since their return to New Wilmington they've split with Pitt-Bradford, swept Penn State-Behrend, and were swept by Mount Union.

While these are certainly not the results Coach Reddinger was looking for, you can undoubtedly expect more out of these ladies this spring. The Lady Titans are infinitely better than a 6-10 record, and will most assuredly make a run in the PAC.

The Lady Titans open conference play today, as they host Thomas More for a doubleheader starting at 3 p.m.



Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

What you might have missed

I rarely go anywhere without a newspaper. Those nifty tools of print journalism have been known to even make appearances in our baseball dugout.

Due to my obsession with sports news, I'd like to ascertain the rest of the campus on you might have missed during break. The following are synopses of national and local sports stories making headlines during the past few weeks.

First, a pair of reporters from the San Francisco Chronicle have thoroughly documented the alleged use of steroids by Barry Bonds. The aforementioned book, titled Game of Shadows, appears in stores this week. Major League Baseball Commissioner, Bud Selig, has declined comment on the issue pending further investigation.

The World Baseball Classic debuted as an absolute success, despite the fact that the Americans, after winning only three their six games, made an early exit with a second round loss to Mexico. The final featured Japan and Cuba, as Japan posted a 10-6 victory. Interestingly enough, the final game included only two major league players, Ichiro Suzuki and Akinori Otsuka.

This year's installment of the NCAA tournament has not disappointed.

Local favorites Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Ohio State suffered early defeats to Bradley, Texas, and Georgetown, respectively, as Carl Krauser solidified his career as one of the most inconsistent players in the history of Pittsburgh basketball.

George Mason advanced to the Final Four with an 86-84 victory over #1 seed Connecticut, and I wholeheartedly believe that my girlfriend was the only person in America to pick George Mason to make it this far (She has them winning the National Championship).

The free agent frenzy in the NFL continued. Big name quarterbacks Drew Brees and Daunte Culpepper signed monster deals with New Orleans and Miami.

The Steelers have made a few notable acquisitions, most notable signing free agent safety Ryan Clark from the Washington Redskins. Not only is Clark a talented player, but he's also a great personality that should fit very well in Pittsburgh.

Within the organization, the Steelers have committed to nine of their twelve free agents. Wide receiver Quincy Morgan and fullback Verron Haynes inked contracts earlier this week.

There. Welcome back. Here's to an exciting half-semester chalked full of Titan baseball, softball, as well as track and field. May the upcoming weeks be as exciting as the past few.

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A&E Arts & Entertainment

V for Venting

Vendetta

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

"Remember, remember, the fifth of November"-the intriguing first lines of the film V for Vendetta. The line echoes the attempt of Guy Fawkes to blow up the houses of Parliament on November fifth, 1605. However, the stage is set in 2020, when Britain is under the rule of a totalitarian government and most of the United States is infected with leprosy and other viral plagues (you might want to renew your visa).

The High Chancellor runs his country with an iron fist, all while giving orders from the comfort of a big-screen television (think Big Brother). Oddly enough, Chancellor Sutler is played by John Hurt, who played Winston Smith in the film version of 1984. Such a power-hungry tyrant would certainly not want a celebration of Guy Hawkes, which makes our masked freedom fighter, V, all the more rebellious.

On the eve of November fifth, V with his smiling Guy Fawkes mask rescues Evey Hammond (Natalie Portman) from assault by misguided police officers, and brings her along to watch the fireworks (literally) as he blows up the Old Bailey courtrooms. V gains control of the television network and vows to return a year later to rally against the government and blow up the houses of Parliament. He asks the population to rise against the repressive government with him next fifth of November.

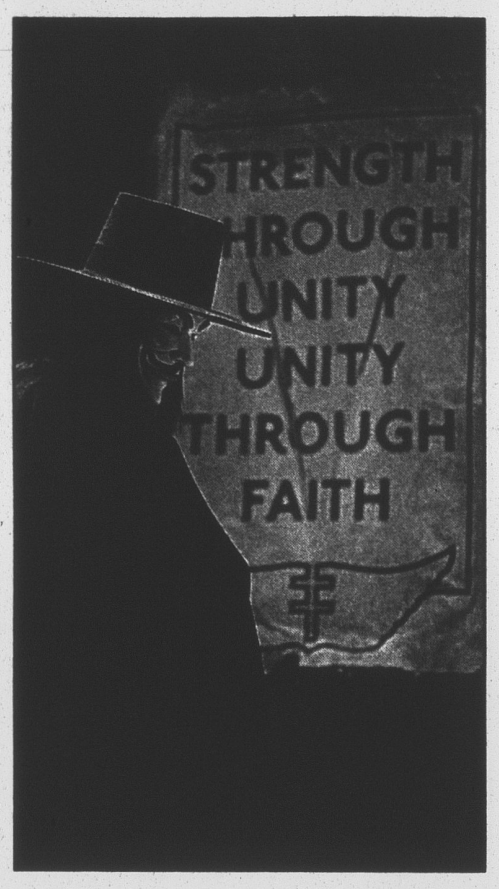
In the meantime, V doesn't just sit around quoting Macbeth (he only does that occasionally); he is busy murdering the key public figures in London. Investigators are untangling a web of conspiracies about the government that V has left for them to find. While V remains far ahead, the government is about three steps behind trying to "cover up" these instances to the public. Of course, no one believes the lies anymore, which makes the Chancellor even angrier.

Evey remains a semi-captive of V, but learns to admire this tortured soul whose only hope is to defy a corrupt government. Their relationship reminded me of my favorite musical, The Phantom of the Opera, though Evey never sees the man behind the mask. As the eve of November fifth approaches, Evey finally removes the mask she's been wearing all her life and learns of her true substance.

The screenplay for this film was adapted from Alan Moore's 1982 novel (he also wrote the Jack the Ripper book, From Hell). The acting in this film is excellent; I especially enjoyed Portman's performance. However, what I liked most is that the film doesn't just focus on fight scenes and special effects (though they are quite a few good scenes-I really enjoyed the end scene), it focuses on substance and message.

I'm not quite sure what the message of the film is, but there are many interpretations, and I think I like that best. The important thing is that we think, even if we may not exactly understand the complex back story. As Evey says, people may die, but ideas never really fade away.

Rating: B+



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Seeing Natalie Portman's head shaved is worth seeing the head's roll.

Westminster Speed Dating Friday, April 21st, 8pm Club Room

I did a crazy thing today. Scratch that; I did a GENIUS thing today. Now that I think of it, I did a number of genius things today, but that is only because my giftedness cannot be restrained. My mind is like a youthful hound in a meadow. (I'm going take a second to pause and walk away from my keyboard before I type any more hideous word vomit likening my brain to frolicking dogs.)

Back! And I'm going to start at the beginning again… today I decided to plan an event. An event that is sure to break a floodgate of romance onto the Westminster campus. All single students should pick up their planners and write this down: (I'm serious… where is your planner or suitable replacement scheduling tool?) Friday, April 21st will be the first ever 'speed dating' EXTRAVAGANZA at Westminster. Oh happy day! It's time to dust off your top hat and iron your fancy slacks – love is in the air.

My original intentions at the beginning of the semester involved attending a speed dating event and writing about it. I did not take in to consideration that the surrounding area is possibly the worst place to be when single and under 30. I could only find events that required me to be 55 or a 29 year old professional. For those of you unfamiliar with me, I am not quite that old nor am I a professional. For those of you who do know me, do not confuse me being a professional hottie as having an actual career. Anyway, I decided to take matters in to my own hands and host a speed dating party here.

In my humble opinion, it's going to be the best thing that has ever happened at Westminster. Sure, that isn't saying much, but trust me, it will be good.

Now, being as brief as possible, I will explain the glory that is "speed dating." The idea of speed dating was obviously created by people that had been on one too many dates with some real winners with personalities equivalent to jars of mayonnaise. I can relate.

I once went on a date that basically turned into a three hour staring contest; there is only so long you can listen to yourself talk before it gets old. The majesty of speed dating is that it makes prolonged awkwardness a thing of the past. Each participant (which will be YOU) will go on multiple "dates" lasting only several minutes. At the end of every "date," you will rate your time with your match and then move on. Sheer beauty! At the end of the evening, you will walk away psychologically undamaged and at the very least with a story you can start off with the phrase, "Yeah, this one crazy night, I went on like eight dates in a row…" Plus, if you and one (or multiple) of your matches from the best event in history have ratings that match, that fact will be made known to both of you crazy cats. See how romance can blossom? Nothing can top that. Nothing. Well, maybe crashing in to a gorgeous man (woman… for all my male readers, which I'm sure is a ridiculously high quantity) on a sidewalk, spilling your coffee-like beverage, becoming angry at that person for throwing off your groove, then through a sequence of witty banter and eye locking you realize you are soul mates. That would be better. But what is this, Hollywood?! NO! It's life, people! And the best we have is speed dating!

Sign up in McKelvey next Thursday and Friday or by emailing zorchle@westminster.edu

April 21st at 8pm in the Club Room… history will be made.

I've done enough damage for this week. Right now, I might just go against everything I've just written and print out an application for The Bachelor. I'm sure to get cast since I am one of about 3 women not walking down the aisle in the immediate future.

Laura Zorch is a senior PR and art major.

Mill Street Grill

Located in New Castle's original Warner Brothers Theater

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

If you'd like to have a nice dinner post spring break, take a ride downtown New Castle to the Mill Street Grill.

It's located in the old Warner Brothers Theater that they have renovated and when you walk into the building, you really feel like you are no longer in New Castle (which is the best part about this place).

The Mill Street Grill is located on the second floor over-looking the Neshanock Creek, or Crick for us New Castle people. The menu is not too various, but what they serve is delicious.

Meat is cooked to your preferences and very tender, side dishes have the perfect added touch, and the appetizers have just the right introductory taste you're looking for before your meal.

On the menu, there are steak and chicken dinners, seafood plates, salads, soups, and appetizers. Unfortunately no pasta other than shrimp alfredo but the lamb dinner that I ordered made up for that, because it was wonderful.

Prices are another story. Unfortunately the prices were not made for the broke college student, but if you are looking for a nice night out and are willing to pay a few extra bucks, this is the place to go, especially if you can't go too far. Dinners range from about $10 to $20 per dinner. There is also a huge wine list, and the prices on bottles range from $40 to $190. So you can choose how much you're willing to pay for a nice wine.

The Mill Street Grill is currently open only for dinner, but they may possibly be starting a lunch menu soon.

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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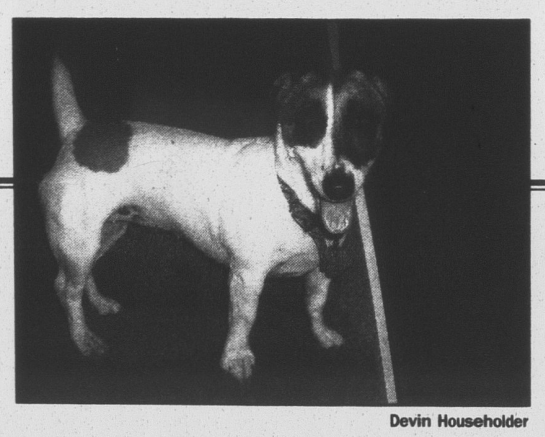
Colonel Caulfield D. Boone (Boone for short) is a purebred, AKC registered Bloodhound. He is about 32" at the shoulder, weighs around 130 pounds, and has a beautiful red coat. He enjoys long walks in the park and loves making new friends. He can be found lounging on his favorite couch or sniffing around the house for anything edible. He lives for food and holds the world record for the longest strands of dog drool. His size may be intimidating, but you can't find a more loving and devoted companion. Boone has never met a person he didn't like, and he deserves to be Best in Show at Westminster.

Westminster "Best in Show"



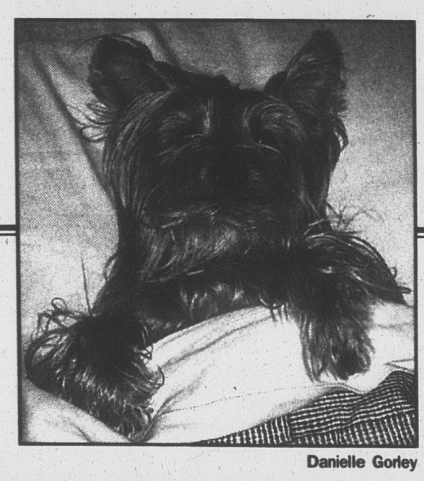
Devin Householder

Not only is Mandy, my Jack Russell Terrier, one of the cutest dogs ever, with her big smile, perky ears, and continually wagging tail, she is also very smart and talented. She loves performing her many tricks including a 'play dead' stunt with a death scene fit to win an Oscar. Mandy has as much personality as she has energy- and for a little dog, that's a lot. Just don't tell her she's little. She loves playing with the big guys; our goat and pony are two of her best friends. For these reasons, Mandy is the best in show.

Now This is a hot dog! Mango Mae is a youthful, enthusiastic pug. She is an excellent candidate for the Holcad's Best in Show Contest because of her apparent love for Westminster College. Besides scouting out Patterson Hall for creepy crawlersduring frequent visits, she supports Westminster by participating in the annual Homecoming Parade. During the school year, Mango resides in Leechburg and works at a local plumbing business with her owner's parents full time. She is featured in the business's advertisements, pulling in customers throughout the Western Pennsylvania region. She extends her love to the Holcad Staff with her big, googly eyes and curly pig tail.

Courtney Kremer

Okay, so this one's a Heinz 57, but she's really cute: Phoenix - Lab/Pit/Shep mix: She deserves this award because she is literally one of the sweetest dogs in the world and really shouldn't be. She was rescued from a very abusive owner and has lived at a kennel for four years. Because she doesn't get along with other dogs, it is difficult to find a suitable home for her. Even so, she is best friend to two of the workers there and has become an avid hiker. She even is protective of them when skeevey strangers cross their paths, though she has never been aggressive to a person (she's just cautious for our sakes).



Danielle Gorley

My family got Tyler about 7 years ago, when he was 4 years old. Though, Tyler had been abused at his old home, he quickly learned that we loved him and became an extremely sweet dog. Tyler is just a little dog, but he's extremely protective, especially of my mom. The most awesome thing about Tyler is the fact that he actually smiles when he's happy. Whenever someone comes in from outside, he greets them at the door licking them and smiling. Any dog that can overcome an abusive past and come up smiling deserves the best in show award!

Amy Pohodich

My dog is a 2 year old gray toy poodle named Lexi. She loves to give kisses and is quite the lap dog when you are watching TV. However, do not let this fool you. She is a registered therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International and has logged over 30 hours doing pet therapy in nursing homes. She also enjoys taking part in mock doggy weddings for the other nursing homes she likes to visit. Lexi enjoys going to her weekly obedience classes as well as her agility classes with over 40 other dogs. She is a sweet and loving pup that can melt anyone's heart.

Sarah and David Timm

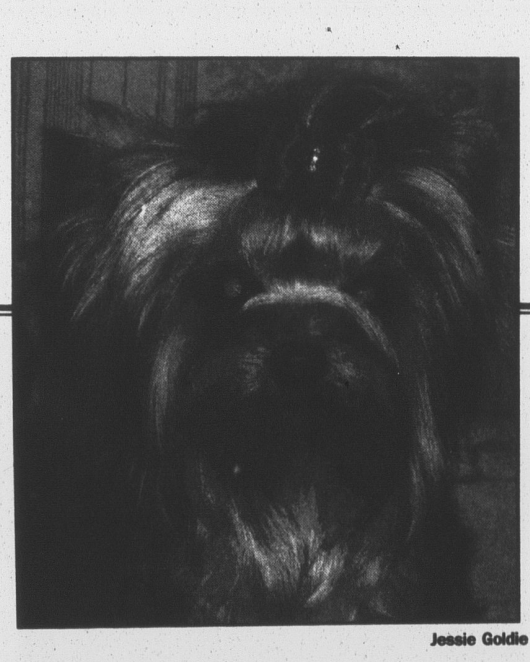
My name is Cupcake Timm and I deserve to be the Best in Show for the Westminster Dog Show. I am sending one of my favorite photos of me. This picture shows my fun-loving side. I can have fun with a simple piece of string. Of course, I also have a more sophisticated side. I have an appreciation for music and I love to sing. I am part of a very musical family (Sarah and David Timm and The Timm Family Singers) and whenever one of my masters sings in my ear, I "break out" in song. Also, I love to talk and tell stories in my own doggie language. I am part Chihuahua and part Terrier. I always have an abundance of energy and love to play fetch with my toys for hours. Thank you for considering me for your best in show.

Allison Chlebowski

Dozer received his name after my little brother thought that Bulldozers and Bull Dogs were one of the same. Dozer is pure bread Snow Angel English bulldog that currently weighs in at 95 pds. He learned how to add and subtract at the early age of 2 years old when my mom asked him what 5-5 was and he didn't answer. The amazing thing was that not only can Dozer subtract he can add with negative numbers such as 5 + -5. Most of all he enjoys short walks in the Dog Park and vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles.

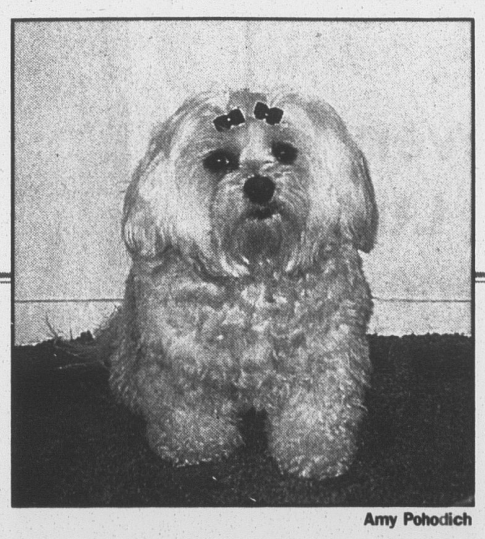
Jeff Wachter

Amos is a West Highland Terrior. Big Dog, little body... why not???



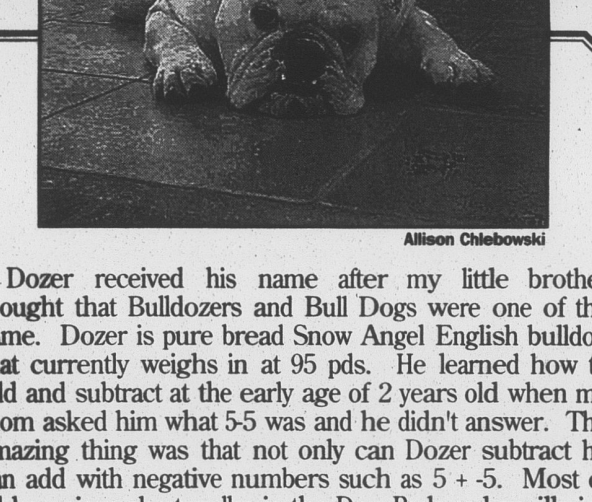
Jessie Goldie

Hello!! I heard about the cutest pet contest and i wanted to enter my yorkshire terrior Precious. She is full grown but only ways three pounds! She loves to give kisses and never leaves your side. She only likes girls and will bark at any guy that ever comes to the door! Shes soooo cute and has to win!!!



Amy Pohodich

My dog is a 3 year old Maltese named Sadie. She loves to go to the park for walks and eating treats. Sadie has received her canine good citizenship and is now a registered therapy dog. She enjoys participating in community parades, dog demonstrations, and visiting schools to teach students about dog safety. She also enjoys visiting patients in nursing homes weekly, and has logged over 50 hours of community service. In her free time, Sadie enjoys dog agility classes, where she tests her skills on pieces of equipment while being timed. Sadie is a very special dog that has touched the lives of everyone that she has come into contact with.



Amy Sasfai

I think my puppy, Cuddles, (nicknamed Moo) should win the Westminster Dog show because she has so much character for such a little dog. She is the cutest, most wonderful puppy in the whole world, and she has been known to walk on her hind legs more-so than all fours.

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Website update

Now attracting more than 70,000 visitors per week

By Steve Saul
Campus writer

The Westminster College Website is a beacon of valuable information, but do you ever wonder how it gets that way.

Mark Meighen, Senior Director, Advancement Administration and Jonathan Smith, Webmaster, are the two main cognates behind the site. Smith is in charge of updating and maintaining the site, along with doing most of the graphics work. Meighen is in charge of the overall content of the site. The updating and the appearance of the lower levels of the site are often done by individual department representatives.

"We strive to create a user-friendly site that serves the various needs of our visitors," Meighen said. "We are always looking for ways to personalize the Web experience."

The site is being continuously updated daily. For example, daily activities and lunch menus are added each day. However, some parts of the site are changed less frequently. The images at the top of the home pages are changed every 45 days. Links are added at different times of the year in order to make it more accessible for users accessing the site at that time. There is also no specific time frame on changing the layout or appearance of the site.

"There are specific things we add to the web at different times of the year," Smith said. "The web is a fluid resource that is ever-changing and we continually evaluate the functionality, feel, and look of the site."

Admissions are already expecting improvements to the virtual tour section of the site this summer. The re-vamping of the tour includes more 360 degree shots and possibly some video downloads. This is just one of many ideas admissions is working on.

Smith and Meighen consult on changes made to the website. They both are willing to hear suggestions from students or faculty on improving the site. However they cannot guarantee that they will be implemented into the site.

"The Westminster College Website attracts over 1.2 million hits per week and over 70,000visitors weekly. It's also rated higher than all of our competitors by prospective students, Meighen said. "I hope we can continue to improve the site and serve our various audiences."

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Calendar

March 31, 2006

Baseball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

Last Day for Refunds

12:00 PM SGA Trip to New York City

3:00 PM Baseball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

3:00 PM Softball vs. Thomas More (H)

7:00 PM Planetarium Show: "Journey to the Stars" - - Hoyt 116

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Fun with Dick and Jane – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Syriana – MCC Mueller Theater

April 1, 2006

Westminster Hosts Men's and Women's Track and Field Invitational

Campus Visitation Day

Men's Golf at Washington and Jefferson Invitational

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep - Hoyt 152

11:00 AM Men's Tennis at Waynesburg

12:00 PM LAN Games V – Hoyt 228

1:00 PM Baseball at Washington and Jefferson

3:00 PM Senior Piano Recital: Katie Schultz – Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Planetarium Show: "Journey to the Stars" - - Hoyt 116

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Syriana – MCC Mueller Theater

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April 2, 2006

Daylight Savings Time Begins (Turn Clocks Ahead)

Men's Golf at Washington and Jefferson Invitational

2:00 PM Softball at Case Western Reserve

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Fun with Dick and Jane – MCC Mueller Theater

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Syriana – MCC Mueller Theater

April 3, 2006

Women's Golf at Grove City Invitational

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

6:30 PM Economics Club Speaker – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

April 4, 2006

History Day

12:40 PM Faculty Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Press Conference – Mummy Secrets Revealed – Mack Science Library

7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: Cinema Paradiso, 1989, Italy – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mummy Secrets Revealed – Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Diversity Symposium Event – "Through Others' Eyes: Our International Students' Experiences in America" – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

April 5, 2006

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Camilla Bari de Lopez, "Between Literary Criticism and Sociology: What Literature Can Contribute to Cultural History" – MCC Mueller Theater

4:30 PM Who's Who Reception – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:00 PM - 9:30 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

7:00 PM Lambda Sigma Breakfast – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

April 6, 2006

2:00 PM Baseball vs. Mount Aloysius (H)

2:00 PM Men's Tennis at Thiel

3:00 PM Softball at LaRoche

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Pi's Reading is Fun Program – Ferguson Hall Lobby

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM SGA Meeting

7:30 PM Student Horn Ensemble – Orr Auditorium

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

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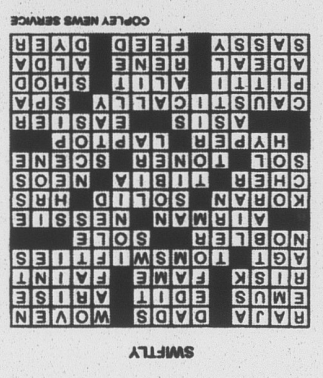

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Developments in your financial arena are subject to mystery or uncertainty. Take your time and be very clear about your budgetary guidelines.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Allow your creativity and your originality to shine through this week. Step out of a boring or routine situation and throw caution to the wind.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Seek a peaceful environment where you can relax and unwind. A yoga class or a massage session may help or assist you in reaching this goal.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): In an attempt to strengthen your position, be willing to blend your energy and ideas with friends or associates. United you stand strong.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): A warm, sincere smile will break down barriers and open many doors. Succeed in your professional endeavors with a positive and pleasant attitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): The world is your classroom and welcomes your curiosity. Go to the head of the class and approach a learning situation with unbounded enthusiasm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You may find that your personal finances are somewhat limited. Embrace an opportunity for material gain through the use of other people's resources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Do your best to avoid debate or argument. Consider distancing yourself from a partner or mate who outwardly opposes your views or opinions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Proceed with caution during a work project or assignment. You have a lot to learn before you are able to put this experience behind you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Enjoy a delightful encounter on the social scene this week. Extend an invitation for future meetings to those you find most intriguing and fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Turn to family members for valuable information or insights that will help you clear up a personal dilemma. Be prepared to ask some difficult questions.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Avoid over-evaluating a personal dilemma. When in doubt, look within your heart and follow your instincts.

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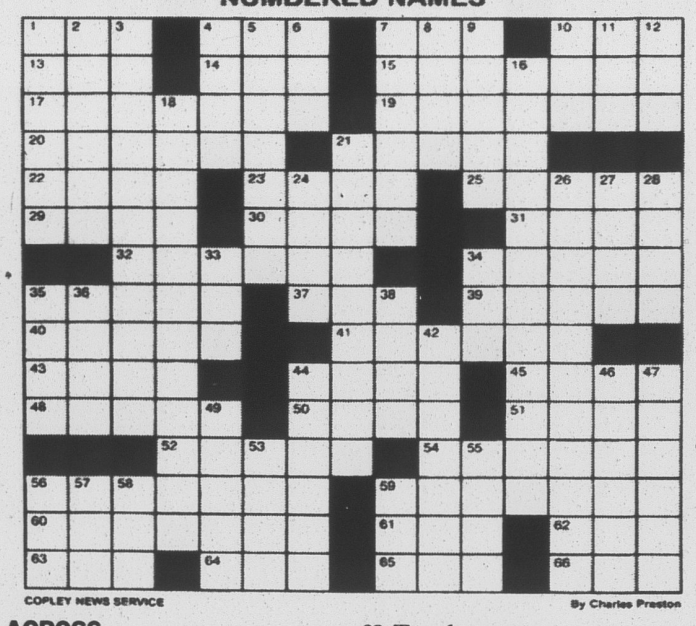

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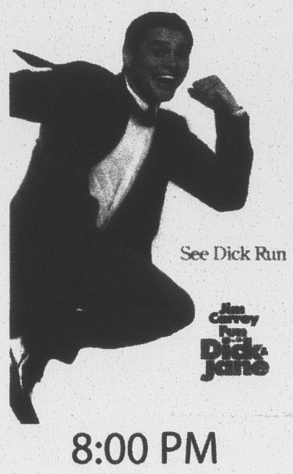
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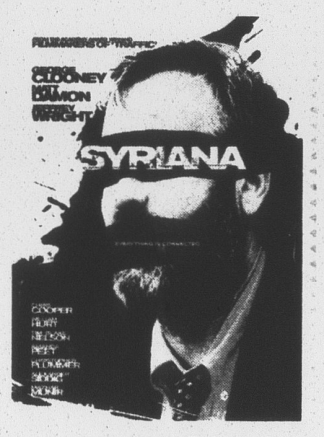

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Apr. 8 Relay for Life
Apr. 22 Alpha Psi Omega One Acts
Apr. 28 Titan's Tavern
Apr.29 Sing n Swing
May 6 Volley Rock
May 6 Jazz Concert
May 9-12 Late Night for Finals
Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

Westminster vs. Penn State

——— Amanda gives us the inside scoop on the big school scene

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Westminster College has been my home for the past four years, but every once in awhile I wonder what life would like would have been like at my original school of choice- Penn State University.

Well, this past weekend I had the opportunity to get a taste of what college is like at a school that holds around 40,000 students. That's because I visited my younger sister Samantha's stomping grounds- Penn State University Park.

At first, things seemed to be quite similar. The drive was slightly longer than the one to Westminster and there were a larger number of truck drivers attempting to run me off the road. Luckily, however, I made it in one piece.

The dorms seemed to be the same, although the rooms were actually a bit smaller than I'm used to, but compared to my freshman room in Jeffers, it was still adequate. My sister, like myself, is in a sorority. I expected them to be a lot different at Penn State. Surprisingly, however, they were normal and a lot of fun and a lot like most sorority girls at Westminster.

The first major difference I noticed, however, was when we got hungry. As we trekked to the student center or the HUB as it's commonly called, I got a feel for the enormity of the campus. The sidewalks were huge and could easily be mistaken for roads by a visitor (yes, I drove on the sidewalk- not a good idea). It seemed like all of Westminster could fit into Penn State's pinky finger.

Samantha a sophomore business and marketing major, knew her way around and showed me the sights. She doesn't have a car up at PSU (the parking pass costs around $500 per year) so she must walk wherever she goes, which could be why she's in such great shape.

As we made our way through the HUB my heart stopped for a few seconds. Before my very eyes was a sign for "Chik-fil-A," "Sbarro Pizza," and a number of other name-brand food branches.

I could barely believe my taste buds when I bit into the perfect Chik-fil-A chicken sandwich and savored those two tasty pickles. At this point, I was definitely not missing Westminster's stale cuisine. As we dipped our waffle fries into the delectable honey mustard sauce, I knew then why they say freshman gain those pesky 15 pounds.

At Penn State, the food selection is not only amazing but the quality of the food is exceptional as well. Later in the visit, we would eat at the wrap shop in the HUB and I could easily get a chicken tenders wrap with no complaint (I got Jerry in trouble the other night for allowing me to order one).

Besides the array of food establishments, there were other notable differences. Sam only knew about 1 in 100 people we passed, compared to Westminster where I know at least 1 in 3.

Later, we prepared to go out for the evening, (yes there were actual parties, can you even imagine?). The girls got much more dressed up in what my sister's friends referred to as "jazzy tops." I felt quite underdressed in my typical ensemble and borrowed something "jazzy" from Sam instead.

We took a quick ride in a taxi to the first fraternity party and I was surprised at how many people my sister knew there. Soon I was handed can after can of free beer. Yes, it was free and we did not bring our own party bag of six-packs. I imagined the parties would be a little bit more wild than they were, but then I had to laugh when kids started "slapping bags" of wine (think of a beer bong, just wine instead).

We tired of the first frat fairly quickly but we had 20 others to choose from. I should mention that it was parents' weekend when I went up and later that evening I led a group of students and their parents in a rousing game of flip cup; my team won of course.

The last night we went out was quite entertaining. The parents were no longer out and the fraternity parties were in full swing. At the last fraternity we went to, I watched in awe as a group of 100 students begged at the front door to get into the party. My sister ran around to the side door, and after rattling off the name of about 13 brothers that belonged to that particular fraternity, a pledge reluctantly let us in. I was shocked that in order to get into a frat party, not only did one have to be Greek, but you also needed to know the "right people." I guess at a school of that size, however, you can't just let thousands of people in your door that you've never met before.

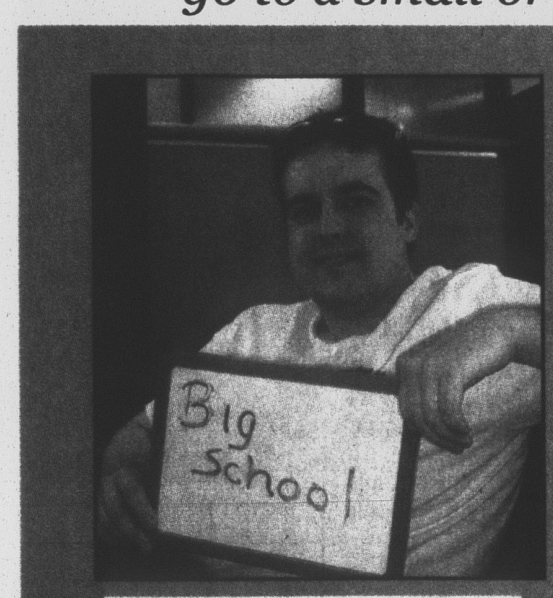
The next day we went downtown and after browsing through a few cute shops, we traveled down the street a bit to the local movie theater, no driving required. After our chick flick we stopped at a student snack shop and picked up some Junior Mints and a 12-pack of water- what convenience!

In all, my weekend at Penn State was quite the experience and one I probably won't forget for a long time. Although the perks of a big school appealed to me, I think I made the right move when I decided to make Westminster my college of choice. Westminster may not have name-brand chicken sandwiches or New York-like parties, but it has great people and even better memories. I'm sure, however, it won't be long until another Penn State visit has me "slapping the bag" once again.

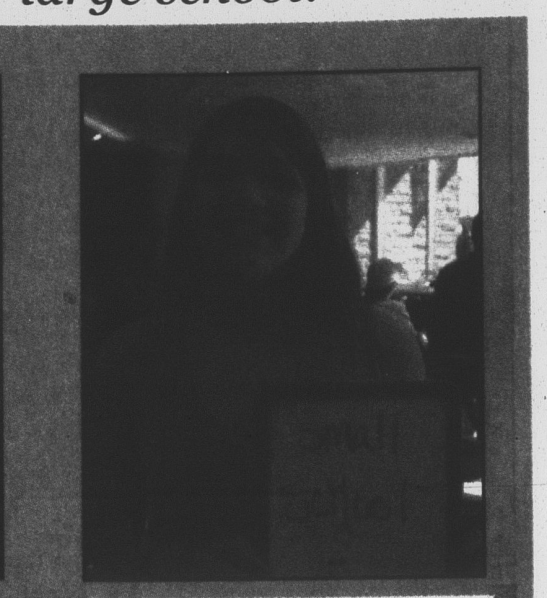
Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She has a terrible case of senioritis and can hardly motivate herself to do any work. Look for her journals from the Big Apple next week.

Question of the Week

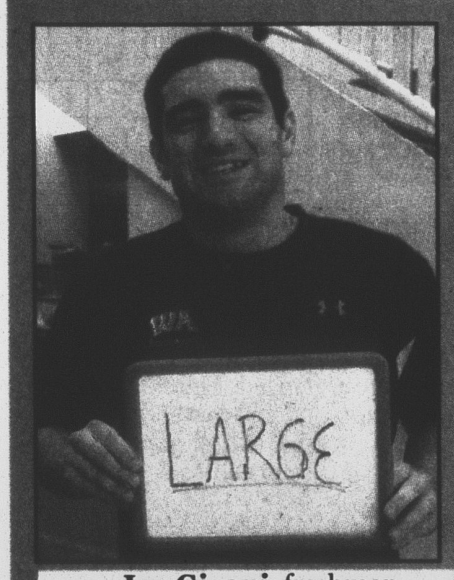
If you could do it all over again, would you go to a small or large school?



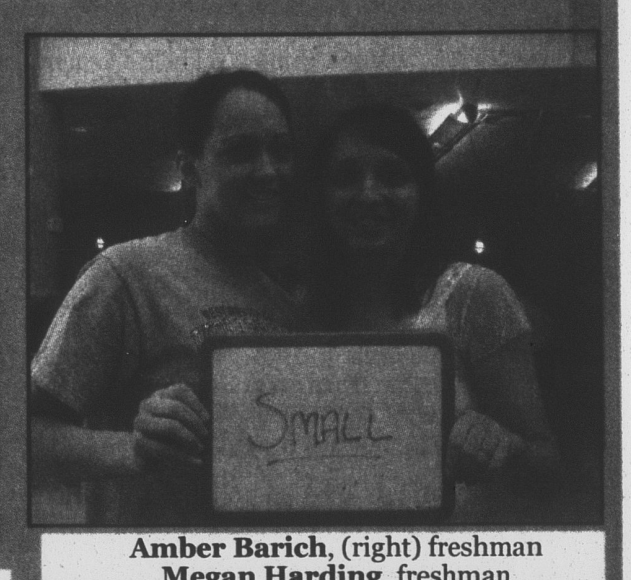
John Knapp, junior



Ashley Linnelli, sophomore



Joe Gizoni, freshman

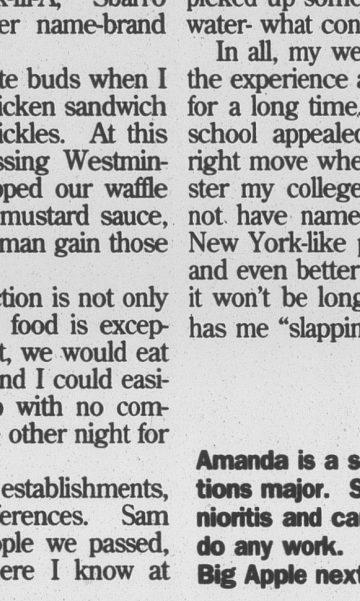


Amber Barich, (right) freshman
Megan Harding, freshman

photography by Amanda Hauger

Pieces of a Puzzle

Natalie takes us inside an artist's gallery



Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

The gallery this month features 'Collective Memory' by artist Lynn Gall. Not only did Gall grace our gallery with interesting and whimsical pieces, but also traveled from Hartford, Conn. to introduce students to a different style of art.

Gall held two paste paper workshops on March 25 in Patterson 319 in which she showed students, faculty, and community members how to create decorative papers. Senior Laura Zorch participated in the second workshop and describes the technique as a sort of fun finger-painting.

"The artist showed us how to make paste paper which is a mixture of acrylic paint, water, and cornstarch," said Zorch. "It was fun because we were just throwing stuff down on the paper."

The participants first spread the colored pastes onto a thick watercolor-type paper and then used a variety of tools and methods to create simple to complex designs. Zorch said she had a good time and was permitted to use techniques and media that artists do not normally incorporate into their work.

"You could use anything to create a design such as hair clips," said Zorch. "We even used 'forbidden media' such as glitter."

Zorch participated in session B which ran from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. She reports that there was a good turnout for the workshop and was very impressed in the artist's ideas and techniques.

"There were four students in my session, a woman and her children, and Dr. Swerdlow even came with his wife and kids," said Zorch.

Session A was held earlier in the morning from 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. The decorative papers that the groups made can be used for a variety of projects or fine crafts. Zorch said she is going to frame a few pieces of her own to use as wall decorations.

Gall's pieces are displayed in the Patterson gallery until April 8. According to her artist's statement, she bases all her work on paper. When she decided to create art, she used this media because it seemed natural to her. At an early age she was surrounded by many kinds of paper materials because her mother was an antique dealer specializing in ephemera.

In the beginning of her work, she specialized solely in collage, but now uses many types of materials. By spontaneously applying papers, wax, fabrics, or whatever she collected through a layering process, Gall then sands down the pieces to uncover an image or convey a feeling. She says the underlying theme of her work is the idea of time and its passing.

Gall is not only a professional artist, but also has a B.A. and M.A. in anthropology and organizational behavior. She currently is spending time conducting workshops across the country.

Gall's pieces will entrance a viewer and take them into a world of color and many layers. In her artist's statement, she warns viewers to beware because if they stay long enough, they might just become a piece of her puzzles.

Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

Q & A with one lucky junior

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a leukemia survivor

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Sara Belsito is just like any junior in college. This Pittsburgh native and elementary education major is co-captain of the Westminster tennis team, enjoys watching romantic comedies and is active in her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, where she serves as chaplain. But unlike most young women her age, Sara absolutely hates Valentine's Day. For it was on this day that she finally succumbed to the side effects of chemotherapy and shaved her head.

During her sophomore year in high school, about a month after her sweet 16th birthday, Sara began to feel sick. After having a fever of 105 degrees for quite some time, doctors told her it was probably mononucleosis. Days later, after a spinal tap, bone marrow tests and two weeks in the hospital, the real diagnosis was in- leukemia.

"The way they explained it to me was 'everyone has cancer cells in their body, yours were just triggered by something,' " she said.

The same day she was diagnosed, Sara had emergency surgery and was home-schooled the rest of the year. She was treated at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh (where she continues to go for check-ups). Sara underwent chemotherapy for three years. Her treatment included taking 10-15 pills a day, getting shots of chemo in the muscles in her arms and legs and receiving chemo through spinal taps. Through the entire ordeal Sara stayed positive, mainly because of the support from her family and friends.

"I really admire my brother," Sara said. "Not once did he complain or get scared during the whole time. I feel bad because he had to grow up really fast."

Sara had to grow up pretty fast herself, missing out on birthday parties and high school events. Sara recalls one day, at her one and only low point, telling her parents she just wanted to give up and not have chemo anymore, while lying on the couch crying. This was during the middle phase of her treatment, when Sara was so weak she had to have a nurse at home to take care of her.

"My living room was basically a mini hospital," Sara said. "During the middle stage of chemo I was so weak I couldn't move. There were machines and IVs everywhere."

During the treatment, Sara also experienced a common side effect and lost all of her beautiful blonde hair.

"For prom my junior year, I had no hair. All the girls were going out and getting there hair done, and I didn't have any. So I went out and bought those Velcro stars and put them in my hair and I went to prom like that," Sara recalled.

Tennis holds a special place in Sara's heart. She has played since the age of 4 and says Andy Roddick is her favorite player.

While receiving chemo, Sara tried to maintain some of her muscle strength to stay up to speed in her sport. Sara and her father would take trips to the tennis court where she'd practice hitting balls.

"Basically I had to start all over," Sara said. "One day I'd be getting chemo and would feel so weak and the next day I would be walking a mile on the treadmill. You just want stuff so badly."

This past January, Sara had a big celebration. It was the five year mark that she has been in remission.

"For me it is such an accomplishment to be in college and to be #1 on a college tennis team after starting all over again," Sara said.

Despite all of the things Sara missed out on during her years of battling leukemia, she says sometimes she forgets about her past and thinks she merely dreamt it. She is an active advocate for Relay for Life and supports all cancer charities (earlier this week she emptied out her wallet for a breast cancer charity outside of a store).

Sara even carried the Olympic torch from PNC Park to Heinz Field for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Currently, she is organizing a fundraiser that is taking place in the Tub to raise money to buy new toys for children while they get spinal taps.

For now, she is focused on her major and her upcoming senior year of tennis. In the future she hopes to be a high school tennis coach. Although she still worries every time she feels sick, Sara is optimistic about her future. One of her favorite sayings is "Life's too short to be anything but happy."

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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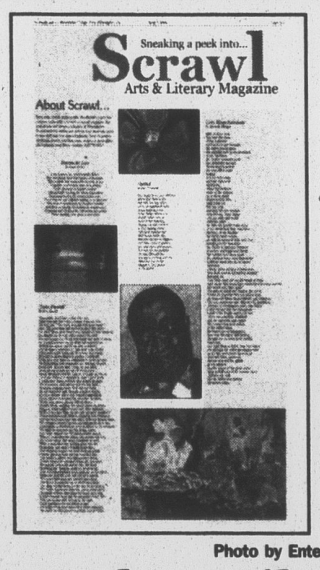

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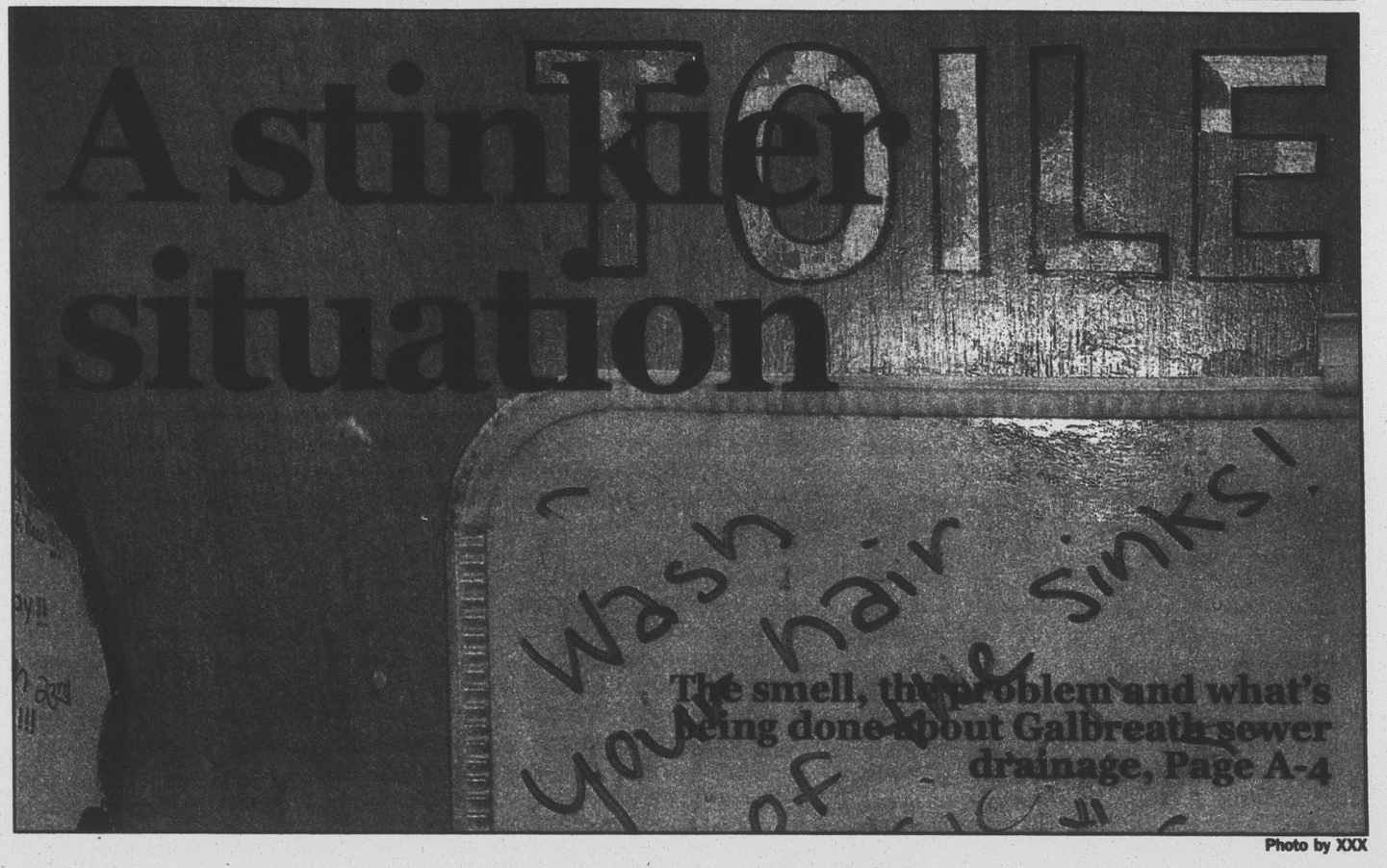

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A new drill

POTENTIAL SPORTS COMMUNICATION MAJOR ANNOUNCED

By Leanne Veres
Campus writer

The majority of students on campus are women, but a potential new major could attract plenty of men and sports enthusiasts in upcoming years.

The college is considering adding a sports communication major to its curriculum. Nothing is finalized yet, and it is unknown when or if the major will take effect. Communication studies, theater, and art department chair, Dr. David Barner, explained why the idea for this major came up.

"The Board of Trustees is looking for majors to recruit men," Barner said. "[Board vice-chair] Debra Foster came into a meeting and asked if we could have some kind of a major that is sports-related."

Foster said that the board does a lot of research on curriculum, academic affairs, and enrollment. They work at directing the strategies without running the college.

"There is a question of what strengths we have here that we can provide to students, and certainly sports communication is one of them," Foster said. "It would have the nice added benefit of being something of great interest to young men who are interested in public relations."

Foster is also the vice president of corporate communications at the Heinz Corporation. She said that her experience with public relations has allowed her to see that sports communications is a rapidly growing field, and she also believes that the college's public relations and communications departments are strong and respected enough for the sports communication major to succeed.

If the major goes through, it would include courses in business, English, public relations, communications, and broadcasting.

Sophomore broadcast communications major DJ Yokley thinks that a sports communication major could be an eye-opener for men looking to apply to the college, whether they are interested in sports broadcasting or just sports in general.

"It's definitely going to strike a chord with males," Yokley said. "If they want to be in sports management or broadcasting, and they study sports communication here, they'll be in good shape because they get the best of both worlds."

As far as the ratio of women to men at the college goes, it is a pretty big difference. Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz said that it is about 60 percent women and 40 percent men, but it may be approaching closer to 62 and 38 percent. He said that recruiting more men is not crucial, but it is important not to let the imbalance grow any larger.

It is not uncommon for small, liberal arts schools to have more women, but many faculty and staff here on campus believe that a sports communication major can decrease the difference. Barner mentioned that there should be another meeting to discuss the matter before the end of the year.

"[The major] is not before any committees, and it's only in talking stages," Barner said. "But there seems to be an interest in it from all of the departments."

Nationally known gay marriage debaters coming to campus

By Jaimee Davis
Campus writer

Allies will host "The State of THE Union" gay marriage debate on Tuesday, Apr. 11 at 8:00 p.m. in Beeghly Theater.

The debate will feature Robert Knight, Director of the Culture and Family Institute and a drafter of the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act, versus Jason West, mayor of New Paltz, NY, who performed 25 gay marriage ceremonies in February 2004 before a court order forced him to stop.

"It is important to keep the students and the Westminster community informed on important issues," said sophomore and vice president of Allies Mariella Volker. "By bringing the debate to campus, all sides of the issue can be heard, and we can in turn bring awareness to campus."

Keppler Speakers, a company based in Arlington, Va. that schedules speakers at corporate, civic, and academic events internationally, is providing the debaters.

According to the Keppler Web site, "This controversial Civil Rights Debate brings two notable experts to discuss the Constitutional, legal, social, and cultural implications of this landmark issue."

Allies will be hosting the debate, but it is sponsored in part by Diversity Symposium, the Diversity Office, the SGA Diversity Speaker Fund, Sociology Interest Group, Green Party, College Democrats, the Political Science and Sociology Department and the Communication Studies, Theater and Art Department.

A Q&A session with the speakers will follow. Afterward, refreshments will be provided in the lobby of Beeghly.

"We want to encourage open discussion on gay marriage following the event," said sophomore and public relations chair for Allies Bethany South. "We hope that everyone who attends will feel free to stay and discuss the issue informally."

According to Keppler, Knight wrote and directed The Children of Table 34, a documentary about sex researcher pioneer Alfred C. Kinsey, and a video about recovery from homosexuality, Hope & Healing. He has written articles for many publications, including Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, Baltimore Sun, Washington Times, and San Francisco Chronicle. He has appeared on The O'Reilly Factor, Hardball, CBS Evening News, NBC Nightly News, ABC's World News Tonight and Nightline, CNN's Crossfire and CNN News, Oprah and NPR's Fresh Air, Talk of the Nation and All Things Considered.

In addition to being mayor, West was part of the first Green Party majority elected in New York State. He has won many awards for his stance on marriage equality and honored by the New York State Senate Democratic Conference, the California State Legislature, and community organizations from around the country. West has been profiled in such magazines as the New York Times Magazine, Plenty, Out, The Advocate, and Jane.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

The Holcad *should be applauded for hit list coverage*

I know that you all who work at *The Holcad* most likely aren't used to receiving hate mail for what you publish. But after picking up today's edition of *The Holcad* [ed: 3/31 edition], I can see you probably got a lot of it from bleeding heart liberals and not a whole lot of positive feedback from people who can appreciate the article and its purpose. So in reponse to the daft hate mail, I've got my own 'letter to the editor.' Consider it a friendly pat on the back from someone who can appreciate the purpose of an article that promotes campus safety.

I was very surprised to see that some students are actually criticizing *The Holcad* for running the story about the hit list in the March 3 edition, with some going so far as to actually attempt to single-handedly define *The Holcad*'s place here on campus. Try as I might, I cannot understand how they see a hit list containing obscenities and depictions of people being gored as merely a "private" matter that the campus community should not know about. It isn't as if it was a vicious, unfounded rumor floating around that *The Holcad* decided to make a tabloid story out of.

Hit lists aren't just something to shrug off and forget about, they're not "private", and when one is made, people need to know about it so that they aren't left unaware of the individual is who has intentions of harming students and/or faculty on campus. Demanding that we be kept in the dark about the hit list and that the school newspaper be forbidden from mentioning anything about it is nothing short of asinine, and I applaud *The Holcad*'s decision to inform the campus of the hit list.

Justin Smith
Sophomore

Presbyterian minority boosts college's applicant averages

Students with GPAs and SAT scores above the college average who may have otherwise never heard of the college are provided with the opportunity be part of an academic and spiritual community through the Young Presbyterian Scholarship program.

The program attached to the $11,000 yearly scholarship, which is 100% voluntary, invites students to participate in mentoring relationships, mission work, and spiritual services on and off campus. Application to the program requires a nomination and letter of recommendation from a pastor, an affiliation with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A, and a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA. The program's coordinator Carey Anne Meyer LaSor presented the statistics that the first class of YPS students, who are now sophomores, had an average high school cumulative GPA of 3.6 and 1110 SAT, and current freshmen in the YPS program were admitted with an average 3.7 cumulative GPA and 1130 SAT.

Mark Meighan commented the fall 2006 YPS applicants have a 3.79 recalculated GPA (just the core courses). They also have an 1169 average SAT score. Our traditional student body, averages a 3.4 GPA and a 1075-1080 SAT score.

"The reason the GPA is uncalculated for YPS application is because we can't expect the pastors who nominate students to adjust a GPA to the college's recalculations," President Tom Williamson said.

The Young Presbyterian Scholarship does not detract from other scholarship programs. The program is largely funded through donations. Grants from the Presbyterian church and other foundations help fund the YPS program. Virtually all students who attend Westminster receive some kind of discount, whether it is merit based, nominated, or an endowed scholarship. There are requirements that must be met for all of these scholarships which the college catalogue describes. It is up to the discretion of the donor where the funds are allocated.

From the college's Web site, "It is the program's goal to parallel the mission of Westminster College, which is to help men and women develop the competencies, commitments and characteristics which distinguish humanity at its best, and to accomplish those goals through faith."

"When you break down our student body, we have significantly more Catholic students than Presbyterian students. Presbyterian students are in the minority in a school that is affiliated with the Presbyterian church. We have diversity initiatives that have increased minority enrollment at Westminster by 150% since President Williamson has come to the college," Meighen said.

These minority YPS students are involved in activities and contribute to the campus community.

"It's a program that I feel very strongly about- that I believe in. I think that if you talked to the faculty members in the program, they would tell you about the positive impact the students have had on them in such a short time. These are the type of kids that I love seeing on campus. I like to be surrounded by well rounded young men and women that are involved in such things. We have a student body that you can be proud of."

From a student perspective, the program provides a place for freshman Jennifer Tritinger to grow spiritually. She also feels she can communicate her faith with others in a collegiate Christian fellowship setting.

Non-Presbyterian students are eligible for scholarships of values in excess and less than the YPS scholarship.

"The $10,000 per year Jerb Miller scholarship has the same academic requirement but twice as many people on campus have received it," Meyer LaSor said.

There are cases in which a student receives a larger scholarship such as the $15,000 per year Vance Scholarship which requires a minimum SAT combined score of 1300 or better, or an ACT composite of 29, and a minimum high school GPA of 3.750. and maintain an overall GPA of 3.0. in college. The student then receives funding from that program instead, but is still eligible to participate in the YPS program.

Kelly Corbin, Jeremy Lawler, Joel Montgomery and Deborah Ward

Excellence disappears at midnight

By Ben Nelson and Ray Walling
Guest op/ed writers

Does the mind become inactive between midnight and 7:40am? Does critical thinking end at 11:59 pm?

Recently, attention has been given to extending the library hours.

Concerns have been raised by student associate trustees, students in attendance at Fireside Chats, and most recently in a proposal being drafted by SGA.

Freshmen probably wonder why they can't go to the library late at night to study while stereos are blaring in their dorms. Or, whether or not they will have luck finding a computer lab that is open (without a class in it) or open late at night.

For both the library and the computer lab, the administration has questioned the cost effectiveness of operating these facilities into the wee hours of the morning. During a Fireside Chat held in the fall of 2004, President R. Thomas Williamson suggested that the late-night hours would not be an efficient use of college resources. Chiefly, the college would have to employ lab proctors late at night.

However, Westminster College eliminated all computer lab proctors in the fall of 2005. Yet, lab hours remain restricted. There exists no 24-hour lab; weekend hours are few and far between. This restriction limits the capability of students to pursue academic endeavors beyond the closing time of the labs.

Cost effectiveness has been used as a rationale to limit library hours as well. Administrators suggest that the TUB is an appropriate replacement and ideal location for study. But, the last time we checked, administrators do not tend to frequent the TUB at 11:00 p.m. If they did, they would soon realize that many distractions exist, including pop music and an ongoing social banter (which the TUB is for).

Besides, the TUB is only adequate for those students with laptops and does not provide the resources necessary for academic pursuits. Furthermore, the current usage statistics do not provide adequate reason for or against the extension of library hours. They are descriptive of current trends, not predictive of future trends.

And of what importance is cost effectiveness anyways? We can think of many things on campus that are not cost effective. We continue to operate many small departments, though they may not be cost effective. We also spend hundreds of thousands on a scholarship program that is not necessarily aimed at the best scholars.

Needless to say, these objections are all based on the definition of cost effectiveness. Hopefully, the administration believes that academics is the most suitable investment. If this was an aim of the administration, it would see fit to open the library and computer labs for longer hours.

Cost effectiveness aside, students might wonder if this policy is aimed at promoting an atmosphere of scholarship on campus. And they might wonder if this policy is aimed at an adult population. The answer, unfortunately, would be a resounding "no" in both cases.

Surprisingly, President R. Thomas Williamson believes that "nothing good happens after midnight." This quotation, given at a Fireside Chat, was part of the rationale given for refusing to extend computer lab hours.

Does the mind become inactive between midnight and 7:40am? Does critical thinking end at 11:59 pm?

We can assure you that for many students it does not and have evidence that the same holds true for some faculty members as well. Professors can be spotted violating this policy on a regular basis (and we suggest prosecution!). We can state with authority that some of our history professors burn a considerable amount of midnight oil. And scholarly journals can attest to the results.

Students are no exception from this rule. Many students produce some of their best work after midnight. Hell, we wrote our last article way after midnight!

The idea of academic excellence is not the problem. It is our hope, even in light of our recent YPS article, that academic excellence is the chief concern of this institution. The problem here is that these policies imply that the administration believes students turn into compulsive vandalizers and fornicators after the clock strikes twelve. And we object strongly to this notion!

The goal of the college should not be to attract only students who conform to some sort of idealistic image. Westminster should elicit thoughts of academic success, not white picket fences and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Westminster is a college! And a college should not remind you of your grandmother's house!

Life, unfortunately, is not a box of Westminster chocolates. And regardless of how hard the administration tries, we really will never know what we are going to get.

Critical thinking is the crown jewel of a liberal arts education. And we would like to put our critical thinking skills to use. Unfortunately, Westminster College only approves of supporting our academic endeavors within certain time constraints. Ideally, Westminster would support something along the lines of the following clause:

"In an effort to display our unconditional desire to improve academics, Westminster College will no longer erect barriers against academics. We believe our students can handle the responsibility of late-night endeavors (and will not fornicate in the labs after midnight). Therefore, as a matter of policy, the College will no longer make value judgments on appropriate student schedules."

Now, THAT would be the day! But for now, students should voice their disappointment with the administration's position and support SGA's up-

Sorry, my wallet is empty: College seeks gifts from graduating seniors

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

I'm getting to that magical point in my college career. As graduation grows ever closer, I find that the lines between student and potential cash cow – err, alumni, have begun to blur. I have become a hybrid; an alumnus-student. I think it's kind of funny. I always thought they'd wait a year or so before they tried hitting me up for money.

Here is what has been happening: about a month ago or so, I got a small flier in the mail asking for a senior gift donation. The flier informed me that I could donate as little as five dollars up to as much as I wanted. I thought it was a bit strange for them to ask for a senior gift. It feels like my landlord just called me up and asked to keep my security deposit as a Christmas present.

It doesn't seem right, I think. After all, half of the joy of giving gifts is the surprise. What would any gift-oriented holiday be if everyone knew exactly what they were getting? I think that we should be allowed to donate what we want instead of having another demand for money shoved at us.

What if I wanted to donate something, say, a picnic table? Imagine the administration's surprise when they go to open my present, expecting a huge box of money, and get a large table! They'd be so surprised! I think it'd be a lot better than giving them the same thing the past hundred classes have given them. I think the school would appreciate it, too. Imagine if you got the same present for a hundred years. A present like, I don't know, a tie. You'd be pretty sick of getting ties.

Anyway, I got hit up to donate for the senior gift again when I went to go buy my cap and gown. It was the first table near the door at the senior salute they held last week. This time, I only had to donate a dollar, and if I did I would get a nifty pen. Bribery! Now that's more like the Christmas spirit! Unfortunately, the cap and gown wiped out my wallet and I couldn't even get an awesome pen. Drats!

So, maybe this is what life after college is like? I guess part of heading out into the real world is having to fend off a ton of people who think they should get your money simply because they want it. Of course, I get those now. They're called "shady credit card offers." I know there will always be beggars, but I really wish that they'd wait for us to actually go into the world and make money before asking for an arm and a leg.

On a completely unrelated note, my graduation cap looks silly.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. Rice is to Peck as spinach is to Popeye. Or what radiation is to Bruce Banner.

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Pa. teen charged in crash that killed girl hanging out of car

PAO Countdown Crash

NARBERTH, Pa. (AP) - A drug- and alcohol-impaired teenage driver counted down from 10 as passengers scrambled out of his car, and then he accelerated, causing the death of a 16-year-old girl who got only halfway out, police said Wednesday.

Stephen L. Meloni, 19, of Gladwyne, was charged with homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence in the death of Jessica Easter. Police said Meloni was under the influence of alcohol and marijuana at the time of the March 24 crash in Lower Merion Township, a Philadelphia suburb.

Meloni, Easter and six other teenagers had been drinking beer and smoking marijuana outside a party that started the night of March 23, authorities said. The group got into Meloni's car around 2 a.m., but some quickly became concerned about his ability to drive.

They "decided that he was definitely too drunk to drive and decided they would permit him to drive a lap around the block" as a test, Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. said. It was during that "test" that the fatal accident occurred.

Easter had been "screaming for Meloni to stop the vehicle," according to a criminal complaint.

Meloni's lawyer, Leigh Narducci, said his client was "just destroyed. ... He's expressed remorse to the Easter family."

National

Homeland Security press aide held, charged with Internet sexual advances on girl

Press aide arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Homeland Security Department spokesman was held without bail Wednesday on felony charges of sexually preying on a detective posing as a 14-year-old girl through explicit online conversations. He was quickly suspended without pay from one of the nation's top crime-fighting agencies.

The arrest of Brian J. Doyle, 55, raised doubts about the ability of an agency responsible for safeguarding the country to ensure the security credentials of its own people.

Doyle is accused of 23 felony charges related to sexually graphic conversations with what he thought was a teenage girl, who was in fact an undercover Florida detective. The charges, lodged Tuesday night by the Polk County, Fla., Sheriff's Department, included 16 counts of sending pornographic movie clips to a minor.

Doyle, who lives in suburban Silver Spring, Md., was being held at a nearby detention center as Florida seeks to extradite him.

Homeland Security press secretary Russ Knocke said the department is "cooperating fully" with the criminal investigation in Florida, adding that Doyle's security clearance, employee badge and facility access permissions have been suspended.

"We take these allegations very seriously," Knocke said.

The department's inspector general also is investigating the allegations, which say Doyle revealed his name and his employer and offered the numbers of his Homeland Security-issued office and cell phones during the sexual online conversations.

Authorities said Doyle also sent non-sexual photos of himself. They included one of him in Homeland Security headquarters, wearing an agency pin on his lapel and a lanyard that says "TSA," which stands for the Transportation Security Administration, a branch of the department for which he once worked.

Doyle appeared Wednesday afternoon at a court hearing in Rockville, Md. No bail was set, and he only spoke to answer routine questions, such as verifying his name. He was joined at the hearing by a woman that his attorney, Barry Hefland, identified as Doyle's life partner of 15 years.

Helfand said he hopes Doyle will be allowed to post bond so he can turn himself in to authorities in Florida without the need for extradition. His next court appearance in Maryland is scheduled for May 4.

Doyle was arrested at his home Tuesday as he was online with the supposed girl. An undercover detective had called Doyle at work and said she got a Web camera as he had asked and wanted to test it, said Carrie Rodgers, Polk County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

"He said he would get on the computer when he got home from work so we knew he would be on," Rodgers said. "When (police) went to his door, he was on the computer in the middle of a conversation with the girl."

The charges accuse Doyle of finding the teenager's profile online and allege that he began having sexually explicit conversations with her on the Internet on March 14.

On several occasions, Doyle instructed her to perform a sexual act while thinking of him and described explicit activities he wanted to have with her, investigators said.

The arrest "raises serious concerns about the department's hiring policies and, more important, its security clearance practices," said House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King, R-N.Y.

Pledging to investigate those practices, King said Doyle may have used a government-issued computer to "provide potentially sensitive information over the Internet to a complete stranger."

"What if the person on the other end had been a member of al-Qaida or a similar terrorist organization and used this information to blackmail Mr. Doyle?" King said.

It was not immediately clear when Doyle received his security clearance, which gave him access to sensitive Homeland Security information. A senior Homeland Security official, speaking on condition of anonymity because it involves a personnel issue, said Doyle's security screening consisted of an FBI background check but did not include a psychological exam.

The clearance was valid for five years; Doyle was hired by the federal government, at the Transportation Security Administration, in 2002, officials said. He previously worked, for 26 years, as a reporter at Time magazine in Washington. A former colleague said Doyle is divorced.

Neighbors in Doyle's leafy neighborhood said they were surprised that the mild-mannered security employee was nabbed in the undercover sting. Doyle's house is just behind an elementary school yard.

"I was shocked because I didn't think it was something he would do," said neighbor Asha Andreas. "He was gone a lot working. It worries me, too, because I have three kids."

International

First listed firm- run boardin senior high school opened

Japanese Boarding School

TSU,(Kyodo)- Japan's first listed private company-run senior high school for boarders where students spend 24 hours a day with teachers acting as their parents opened this month in the city of Iga, Mie prefecture, a city designated by the government as a special zone for education.

The school, Wits Aoyama Gakuen Senior High School, is designed to play an educational role being lost in families and to strengthen ties with the regional community by actively making students experience vocational work in the area.

The school was opened by Tokyo-headquartered S-Science Co., a specialized nickel processor, which also operates cram schools in both Tokyo and Osaka. The company is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's First Section.

Six students were enrolled when the school was provisionally opened in September last year. They began to live in a dormitory on the school campus jointly with nine teachers and staff.

The school's main purpose is to provide an education that allows students to decide on their futures on their own.

In contrast to present educational practices centering on input, output will be stressed, with teachers giving students close guidance not only in their studies but also in consultations about their futures to draw out the students' individuality.

Students will also get on-the-spot job experience in local companies and the local government. "Families and adults in a regional community used to shoulder that mission, but that structure has now collapsed," said Principal Yasuhiro Hata, 46.

At a restaurant on campus on White Day on March 14, Aileen Balfe, 25, a female English teacher from Ireland, talked in English with students who had enrolled in September last year.

Giving Balfe a gift, a student said, "I have bought for you chocolate with a shochu (Japanese distilled spirit). filling."

Another feature of the school is the priority given to English conversation lessons. Before employing Balfe, the school had her acquire the nation's first special teacher's license for a foreign national.

The school is equipped with a system enabling students to take part in lessons offered by major prep schools any time they want using notebook personal computers connected to a wireless local area network (LAN).

College Reveals Mummy's Secrets

What happens when scientists and forensic experts try to bring back the dead? That's what's happening with an Egyptian mummy housed for the more than 100 years at Westminster College. On Tuesday experts revealed a bust of the Pesed mummy based on efforts to reconstruct what she looked like when she was alive. Scientists used data from CT scans and X-rays to recreate her appearance at the time of her death more than 2,300 years ago.

Borough Approves Radio Tower Upgrades

The New Wilmington Borough Council has approved the necessary changes to Titan Radio's tower allowing the installation of the new antenna for our power increase. This stage of the plan to expand Titan Radio's coverage area will wrap up early this summer. The new antenna will expand the directional signal of Titan Radio to the south and north allowing more people to tune in WWNW.

Campus Copes with Water Shut Offs

Parts of Westminster will go without water service on Monday and Tuesday as work crews for New Wilmington continue to replace the main water line. Work continues at the intersection of Market and Maple Streets. A few months ago a water main break caused basements to flood and the street turn into a gushing stream. Borough officials urge drivers to remain alert during the water line work.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS

1. What did 84 Lumber do this week?
   a. Close 67 stores, 12 in Pennsylvania includ ing the one in Hermitage.
   b. The company announced it would build 100 new stores nationwide.
   c. The company announced it was buying Home Depot.
   d. It merged with Lowes.
   e. The company donated $20 million dollars to local charities.

2. Published reports indicate Katie Couric will leave NBC's "Today" show for what job?
   a. The anchor of ABC's "World News Tonight."
   b. The anchor of "The CBS Evening News."
   c. The new host of CNN's "Crossfire."
   d. The host of a new syndicated daytime talk show produced by Oprah Winfrey.
   e. The new host of "Survivor."

3. What did former House Majority Leader Tom De Lay do this week?
   a. He entered a guilty plea to illegal use of funds for state legislative races.
   b. He resigned from office.
   c. He rejoiced in his acquittal on allegedly il legal use of funds for state legislative races.
   d. He announced his candidacy for governor in Texas.
   e. He married actress Sharon Stone this week.

4. How many high school students are expected for Friday's Science Olympiad at Westminster?
   a. 2,000
   b. 1,500
   c. 900
   d. 500
   e. 200

5. What did scientists and forensic experts do with data collected from CT scans and X-rays of Westminster's year old Egyptian mummy?
   a. The recreated a bust of what the mummi fied woman looked like at the time of her death.
   b. They were able to prove she was a cousin of King Tut.
   c. They were able to determine she was 2,300 years old.
   d. They discovered she died from lead poi soning.
   e. They proved she was a fake mummy cre ated by con artists more than 125 years ago.

6. What did the New Wilmington Borough Council approve this week?
   a. Payment of $40,000 to cover the water line construction on Market Street.
   b. A new ordinance banning outdoor burning during the months of March and April.
   c. Changes to WWNW's broadcast tower al lowing the installation of a new antenna for a power increase.
   d. A resolution declaring the submarine sandwich the official borough sandwich.
   e. A new ordinance increasing parking fines in the borough to $100.

1.) A 2.) B 3.) B 4.) C 5.) A 6.) C

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

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Campus News

A *stinkier* situation

Bathroom smell and water problems irk residents

By Jenna Hinks
Campus writer

On numerous occasions this year, the women of Galbreath Hall have been hassled by smell, loss of water, and raw sewage on the basement floor of their dorm.

According to students who have lived in Galbreath previous years, this trend is nothing new. Last year, the sewage line broke four times. This leaves the residents without the use of water in their dorm. The women are forced to walk to McKelvey or to Browne Hall to be able to perform normal tasks such as using the restroom or brushing their teeth.

The question that many students want answered is why this event keeps occurring.

"I was told by maintenance that the reason this is happening is caused from girls flushing things like sanitary products down the toilet," junior Pam Ropelewski said. "It's not that I don't believe them but they should do something about it."

The residents of the third floor of Galbreath decided to take matters into their own hands.

Ropelewski, along with others who live on her floor, decided to put together a letter to send to the appropriate people. In this letter, they expressed concerns about the hygienic state of the dorm. Their concerns ranged from the putrid smell to the sewage problem taking place in the same building as the campus' cafeteria.

These particular women, along with the other residents of Galbreath, are frustrated with this habitual problem.

"For my practicum I have to student teach," Ropelewski said. "Of course I wanted to shower before I went. I walked into the hall and I saw my RA standing in front of the bathroom door reading the sign that said we weren't allowed to use the water. It is such an inconvenience."

Students believe that the plumbing conditions in Galbreath would not pass various health codes which the state of Pennsylvania has established. They feel that it is unsanitary and may cause potential health problems.

"To disinfect any kind of surface bacteria that will harm students, all you need is clorox and water," Gary Bonelli, the health safety supervisor of New Castle, said. "Clorox is only a temporary fix, however. Maintenance should be responsible for keeping up with problems of the sewage pipes. In the meantime, I recommend clorox and maybe a lemon scented deodorizer."

The residents of Galbreath Hall are frustrated with the situation. A solution to this problem may have to come from a compromise between students and maintenance.

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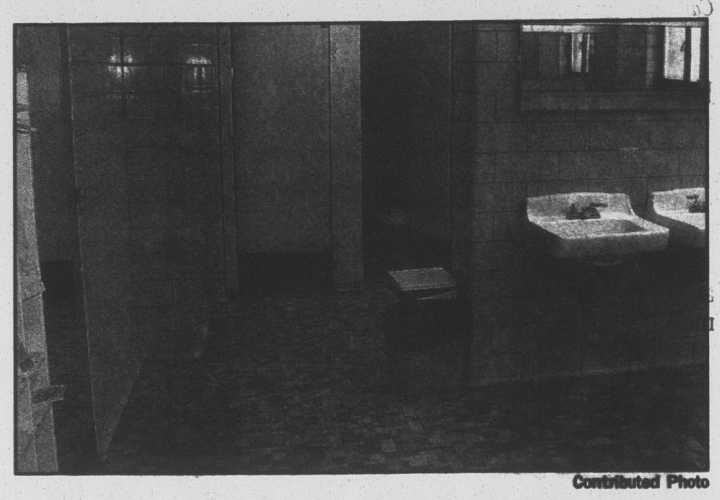
New Castle health safety supervisor



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But will a bottle of clorox really fix the Galbreath stink? That's hard to say. It may come down to better communication between the dorm and maintenance.

Rep. LaGrotta to teach on campus

PS 211 will tackle politics with local expert

Source: LaGrotta Website

LaGrotta insists he wants students to see things in a non-partisan factual style.

By Joseph Knott
Campus writer

Rep. Frank LaGrotta will offer his 23 years of practical experience in politics and government in teaching PS 211: State and Local Government this fall.

PS 211 will focus on procedures of state and local governments and the policies with which they must act in accordance. This course can be used by political science majors to satisfy either the upper-level American politics requirement or an elective requirement.

LaGrotta approached campus authorities to offer his services in teaching the class, and his background certainly qualifies him to do so, according to Dr. James Rhoads, associate professor of political science.

"Mr. LaGrotta was selected to teach the course because he has vast experience in state government," Rhoads said. "He has been a state representative for 20 years. He possesses a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame and is more than qualified to teach this course."

Furthermore, LaGrotta was a TA while attending Notre Dame, and he has delivered a number of guest lectures.

He also speaks to every high school in his district every year, and he has been a senior high school religious education teacher for many years.

Several other state representatives in both the House and Senate teach or have taught similar classes, such as Rep. David Wright, who formerly served as a full-time professor at Clarion University, and Rep. Nick Colafella, former Community College of Beaver County professor.

"I love young people and their enthusiasm, and I want to share the practical knowledge I have gained in the areas of local, state and national government with them," Rep. LaGrotta said. "I hope I can do that in a non-partisan, factual, 'this is how it is' manner."

Until the year 2000, LaGrotta represented the college in the Pennsylvania House, and he was a close friend of former college president Oscar Remick, who he said made him understand and appreciate the important role that the campus plays in the community, county and western Pennsylvania.

LaGrotta said that he shares similar relationships with Rhoads, President R. Thomas Williamson, director of celebrity series Eugene De Caprio and other staff members.

The class has already drawn attention from students.

"I think it's really interesting that he's going to teach it," junior political science major Jessica Kochemba said. "It's nice to get a different perspective from someone who's actually doing the job."

LaGrotta looks forward to teaching the course, wishing to share with students how their government actually functions. He already has several plans and ideas for his curriculum that he hopes will make the class a fun and interesting learning experience.

"I am hopeful to have a few well-known speakers and perhaps even a field trip to Harrisburg," he said.

LaGrotta will teach PS 211 on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30

Relay for Life

One team discusses their winning streak

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

The annual Relay for Life will be held at the track Saturday, April 8.

Teams will walk on the track and raise money for cancer research. People wanting to donate who have not yet done so can give money at the event.

The LLP team, captained by Debbie Sanchez, secretary of political science and sociology department, has a reputation for going above and beyond for this event. Sanchez, who previously walked for her church's team, found herself with no team four years ago and decided to start her own. She calls them "The Lifers" and in the past two years they have placed third in fundraising for the event and first in teams based out of the college.

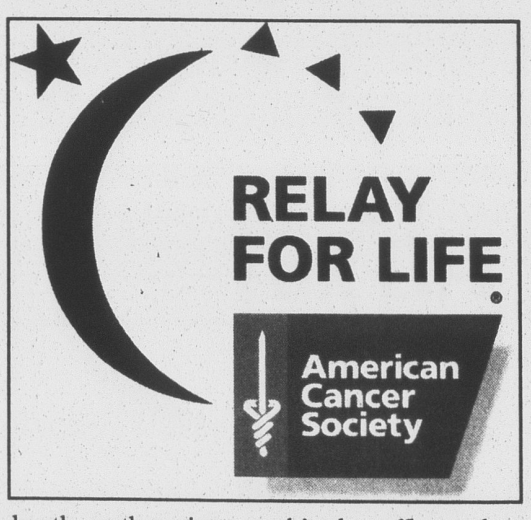
Sanchez finds her motivation in the importance and personal connection to the cause.

"All four of my children's grandparents had cancer so it hits close," said Sanchez.

Last year the team raised more than $1100—they are hoping to beat that this year. The secret to The Lifers success is their way of fundraising.

For the past week and a half they have been selling lollipops in the TUB as well as Steamers gift cards (a coffeehouse on Highland Ave. in New Castle). They have also been giving away Westminster memorabilia: by paying 50 cents and picking a number out of a tin can, everyone wins a prize.

The Lifers will continue their efforts on the day of Relay with a number of opportunities for everyone to get involved. The first is their 50/50 raffle, which they do each year. Last year, the drawing ended up being over $300. This year, the winner is already guaranteed at least $200. The LLP team has their own booth, so those interested in the raffle can buy a ticket there.



At the booth, one can also buy a ticket for a gift auction which includes prizes such as gift certificates to Gallo's Italian Village, Perkins, My Brother's Place, Denny's and New Wilmington Collections. Other prizes include a movie gift basket, a putter, paintings, table runners, a home made quilt and Westminster memorabilia, just to name a few.

Steamers will be selling coffee in a booth and all profits will go to Relay for Life.

Sanchez explained why all the hard work to raise money is worth it. She says that some of the money raised will go to research, and some will stay in the area.

"A few years ago when my mother was battling cancer and needed help paying for her medication, the money from Relay helped," explained Sanchez.

Sanchez's mother and father are both cancer survivors, showing that there is hope and that the money raised during this event really does affect people's lives.

SGA Notes

Omicron Kappa Sigma, which means "the circle of wisdom," is seeking to be recognized on the college campus. Their purpose is to improve the "culture of honors" on campus. They will create a sense of unity among honors students and provide further inspiration for students to join the honors program. This organization is open to students enrolled in the honors program.

The Archery Club is seeking to be recognized on the college campus. Their purpose is to promote the sport of archery and to provide a learning and competitive environment. Membership is open to undergraduate students.

Any objections to either of these organizations should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, by April 24.

April 6, 2006 Meeting Notes

- $150 was allocated to SAAC to host an activities day for fourth graders from New Wilmington Elementary School, there was no opposition
- $146 was allocated to Phi Alpha Theta for their trip to the American Historians and National Council, there was no opposition
- Congratulations for Dance Theatre for being selected Student Organization for the month of March
- Lee Scott and Lee Knight were elected as members to the Board of Trustees

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More News from Around the Campus

Westminster alum opens shop near campus

By Amanda Kovacic
Campus writer

Westminster alumnus Justin Bryan is opening an all-around useful shop just a short walk from campus on Neshannock Ave. called "Jumbo's."

Bryan, also known as Jumbo, was a Theta Chi brother and active Alpha Psi Omega member during his time here at Westminster. He lives in the area and has been looking to open something locally for a few years now. His original plan was a coffee house, but apparently Mugsies beat him to it. His new plan is, according to his business card, "a little bit of everything."

"It seemed like common sense," Bryan said, "It's been a lot of work, but we're nearly done in a little over a month."

Bryan hopes to open the week before Greek Week. Among the small wooden boxes, brightly colored bracelets, and interestingly shaped candles, Bryan will also be selling a variety of merchandise with Greek letters for the different fraternities and sororities. He is also hoping to be a middle man for other organizations on campus who may want t-shirts. Bryan figures that organization can put in orders with him, he can pass them on to the printer, and save the groups from having to travel or find t-shirts themselves.

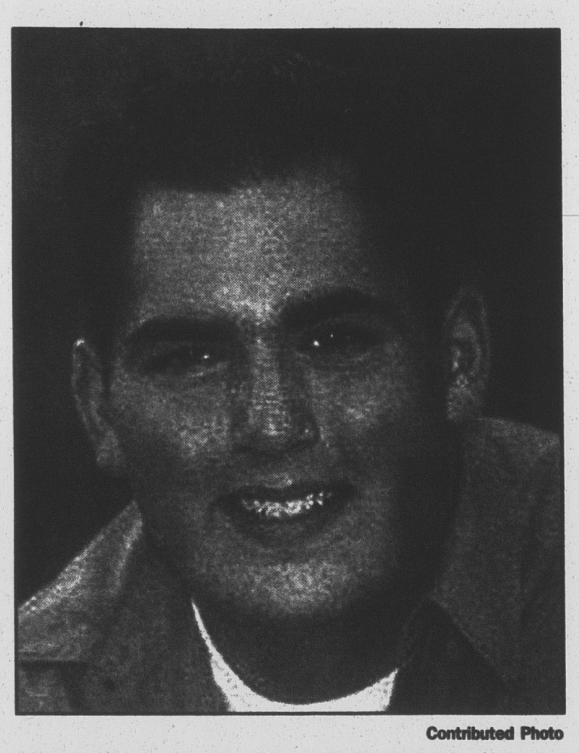
Bryan is very thankful for all the help he's gotten from friends, fraternity brothers, and other people on campus.

"There's a lot of people I couldn't thank enough for helping paint and go shopping and stuff. I want to give something back to the town," said Bryan, "I want to have everything that a college town needs but can never find."

Bryan hopes to provide enough of the college student necessities that students will no longer feel the need to drive all the way out to Wal*Mart. He also has a wall that will be devoted to local talent, encouraging local painters, artists, and craft-folk to market their products in his shop.

In addition to all the necessities, "Jumbo's" will be selling body jewelry, shot glasses, and the occasional hookah. Bryan already has a small area set aside in the back with couches that will soon have wireless internet and a small coffee table, and patrons will also be able to get a soda or juice from the counter. The goal is to make it comfortable for anyone who's doing laundry just next door to come hang out and relax while they wait.

For now, Bryan will be the only real employee, but he hopes to eventually hire on some college students as business picks up.



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Westminster alumnus Justin Bryan plans to sell "a little bit of everything" in his new store in New Wilmington.

Dine dollars: where do they go?

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Campus writer

Although some students must bum a Titan Card swipe off of their friends at the end of year, others desperately race to spend their excess Dine Dollars.

It is hard to imagine that having a little extra money could be a bad thing. However, in compliance with the Westminster Dine Dollars meal plan, students are not allowed to retain their unspent meal money. Instead, the money goes back to the school to help fund the food program. Because the money seems to just disappear at the end of the year, students often wonder why the money cannot be given back to them to use for other purposes. Freshman Veronica Geretz offered suggestions for how the money could be used otherwise.

"They should either carry the money over to next year, refund it to you, or let you use it as Titan Dollars," Geretz said.

Jeff Creveling, who is in charge of the dining services on campus, says that it is not likely that any of those will happen, but that it would ultimately be a decision of the president's staff rather than the dining service.

Many students still wonder, then, what the money is used for, since it is not refunded. Crevling explains that the money is used to fund the overall dining service budget, which includes a number of areas.

"Just like any other department on campus, we have a budget where money is divided up to pay staff, purchase materials, and make improvements among other things," Creveling said.

He also elaborated on the reasoning behind Dine Dollar amounts. Last year, a system was instated where students could choose from either 1000, 850, or 750 Dine Dollars per semester to use towards meals.

"The amount of Dine Dollars students can purchase is calculated based on how much Sodexho charges the school on a daily basis," Creveling said.

According to Creveling, the left over money could, technically, be thought of as going towards, not necessarily food items only, but also services that students do not pay for every time they buy a meal. The cook who prepares the food, the person who swipes the cards, and the ranch dressing used to compliment a student's chicken nuggets all must be paid for behind the scenes.

The school ultimately expects that there will be left-over money to use toward the food service, but Creveling suggests that students should utilize the three different Dine Dollar levels to find which one fits them best.

"Some students purchase the Dine 1000 meal plan and have to add additional dollars at the end of the year, others end up with too much money. It all depends on the person, and that is why there are three different choices," Creveling explained.

Freshman Alyson Lingle, who purchased the middle meal plan of 850 Dine Dollars, says that the plan works for her.

"I use all my money by the end of the year, without having to buy extra, so it works out fine for me," Lingle said.

For those who may have leftover money at the end of the year, rest assured that the extra Dine Dollars will be, or have already been, put to good use.

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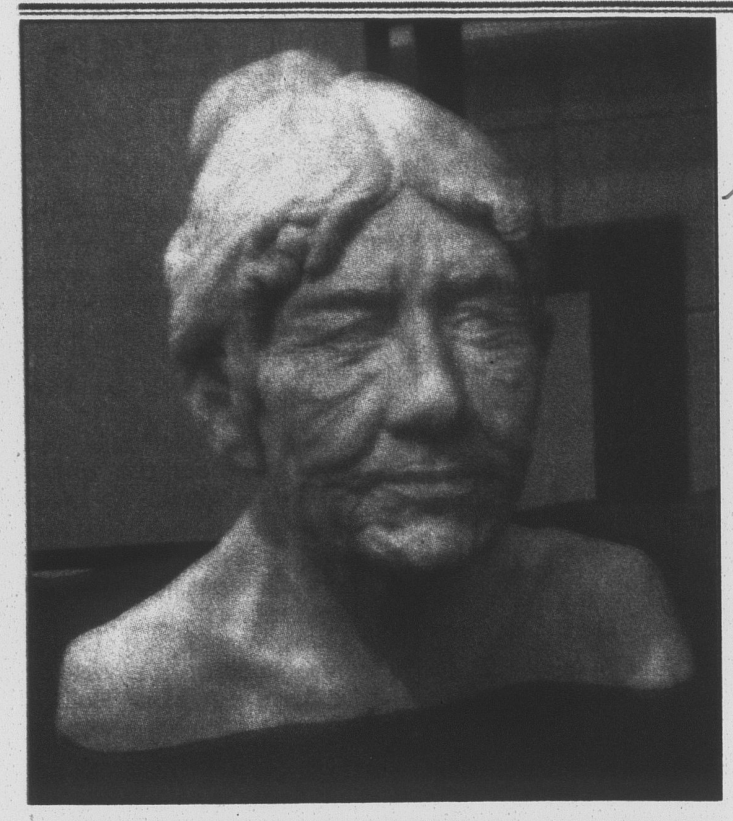


Mummy revealing

Garage sale mummy gets some special attention

By Clarissa Hunter
Campus writer

The community gathered in Phillips Lecture Hall Tuesday, April 4 to see the revealing of the mummy kept on display in the Mack Science Library and to hear how it came about.

100 people, from elementary students to the elderly, sat down and waited for the highly anticipated presentation to start. The 2,300-year-old mummy, Pesed, was revealed as a sculpture of what she looked like when she was alive. The night was filled with interesting facts about Pesed, and students were filled with awe.

"It was interesting to know how she came here, because I always point her out during my SWAT tours," sophomore Heather Lorigan said.

The night began with Dr. Sam Farmerie, the college's curator of cultural artifacts, who told the audience the history of Pesed.

Pesed was bought at a garage sale in Egypt for only $8.00 in 1885. She was shipped overseas and brought here to the campus; she has been kept on display most of her time in the Mack Science Library and has been studiedoccasionally through the years. After careful examination of the hieroglyphics inside the coffin, her name was discovered.

"Her name actually is Pesed; we didn't make it up," Dr. Jonathan Elias, Egyptologist said. "The name is written in hieroglyphics on the side of the coffin."

Discovering her name intrigued scientists to wonder what she looked like when she was alive. They examined her in the summer of 2001, but the CT scans and x-rays left many questions. When technology advanced, they decided to re-examine her in June of 2005.

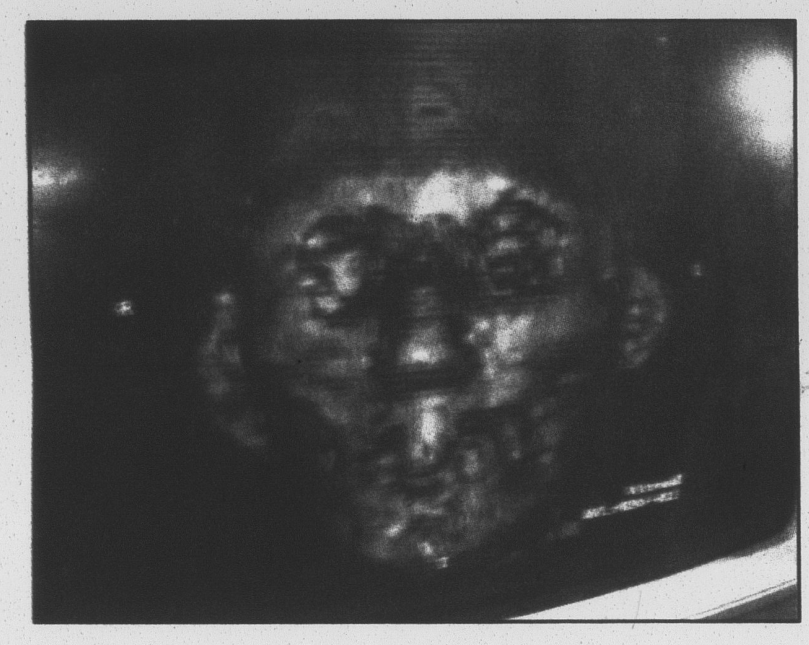
"We were able to re-examine Pesed to solve a few questions we still had from 2001," Elias said. "We wanted to see the in her cheeks and check out a plate under her left arm."

After much research it was discovered that she probably died of an infection, and they also determined her age of death.

"Pesed died between the ages of 55 and 70, but with the aging in Egypt in her time, she would remind us of an 80-year-old woman today," Farmerie said.

After studying her remains through radio-carbon dating, x-rays, and CT scans they decided to make a replica of what they thought she might have looked like. The replica will be on display in the Mack Science Library next to the coffin.

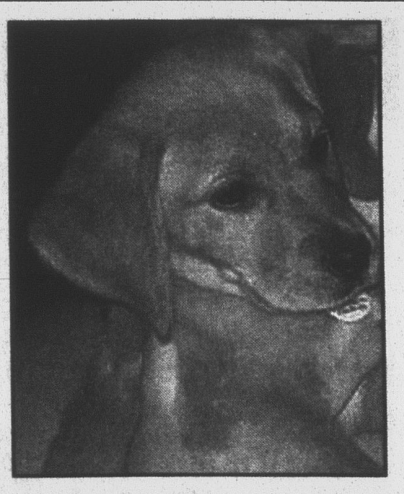
The biology; chemistry; religion, history, philosophy and classics departments; Tri-Beta biology honor society, and the Westminster History Interest Group sponsored the public lecture.



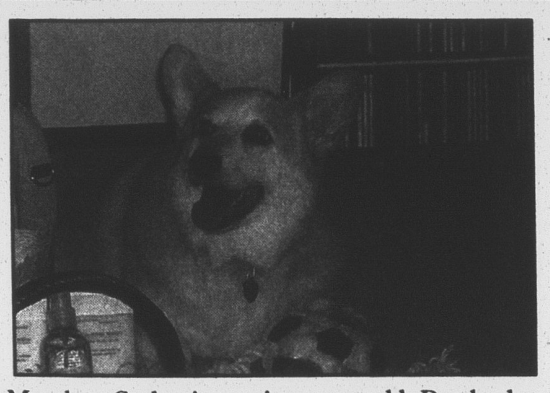
Photos by Sky Yaple

Westminster's Best in Show Continues...

This is Meeko and she is a girls' best friend. She never tells a secret, she'll cry with you, play with you, make you laugh, and is always there when you need a hug. What more could you ask for? What she lacks in breed she makes up for in loyalty. *-Jackie Fair*



Rocky (aka Rockstar) is a Lab/Boxer mix, rescued from a local shelter. He graduated second is his puppy training class, and when he is old enough, he will begin agility training. He loves playing ball and Frisbee. Mornings when I am home over breaks, he brings balls into my room and puts them in bed with me. Rocky watches out for his family. He protects Zea (2 yr old niece) whenever she comes to visit. He walks up and down the stairs with her, making sure she doesn't fall. He also lets her climb all over him, without even blinking an eye. He also protects my little sister Chelsea at night when she feeds the horses. Every day at 3:30 Rocky looks out the window for Chelsea to get home from school; usually he has his toy gorilla ready so he can throw it around with joy when she finally walks through the door. Rocky even loves cats. He kisses, snuggles with, and even checks Mr. Biggs (my cat) for fleas. He loves to drink out of a hose or faucet. Best of all, he loves everyone (especially college age girls) and kisses and hugs everyone who walks through the door. - *Lucinda Safran*



My dog Corky is a nine year old Pembroke Welsh Corgi and the current love of my life. This picture is from Christmas after he tore open all my presents. Corky has unlimited energy and loves running around outside and chasing anything that moves. He loves playing in the snow and sled-riding down the hills in our yard. I love going home and seeing how excited he gets to see me, and how he won't go to sleep at night until I do. He is the happiest and best dog in the world, and deserves to be best in show!
- Sherri Breitigan

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Friday						
High	High 46	High 51	High 58	High 64	High 62	High 65
Low	Low 26	Low 31	Low 36	Low 42	Low 44	Low 46
A couple of afternoon t-storms	A bit of snow and rain	Sunny to partly cloudy	Brilliant sunshine	Mostly sunny and warmer	Mostly cloudy	Plenty of clouds

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:55 a.m.	7:52 p.m.
Saturday	6:54 a.m.	7:53 p.m.
Sunday	6:52 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Monday	6:50 a.m.	7:56 p.m.
Tuesday	6:49 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Friday	2:07 p.m.	4:31 a.m.
Saturday	3:10 p.m.	4:57 a.m.
Sunday	4:12 p.m.	5:20 a.m.
Monday	5:13 p.m.	5:40 a.m.
Tuesday	6:13 p.m.	5:58 a.m.

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Full	Last	New	First
Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 5

Weather History

Lightning struck an oil refinery April 7, 1926, at San Luis Obispo, Calif. The resulting fire lasted five days, scorched 900 acres and burned more than 6 million barrels of oil.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi Lo W	Saturday Hi Lo W	Sunday Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W	Tuesday Hi Lo W
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Butler, PA	63 33 r	48 24 r	53 30 s	57 36 s	64 42 c
Cambridge, OH	67 34 t	50 24 c	53 30 s	64 37 s	65 42 c
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Cincinnati, OH	71 37 t	50 33 c	62 37 s	62 42 s	69 47 c
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Track season is in stride

Track team far from "under the weather"

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

As spring has finally arrived, track season is in stride.

Even though the weather in this area has been hit-or-miss with warm days and cold days, snow and rain, Titan track has been far from "under the weather."

Over spring break, the men's and women's track teams headed to South Carolina as they competed in a meet and practiced at Costal Carolina University. This meet was far from a slouch with such teams competing as the University of Iowa and the University of Minnesota.

Even though there was stiff and tougher competition as usual, the Titans hit some impressive marks. Four members of the team actually for qualified for the ECAC meet and two more also made preliminary marks for the NCAA Championship meet.

The four who qualified over break were Jessica Cooper, Sonya Cole, Kristen Van Sickel, and Adam Hadbavny.

Hadbavny has had far from a disappointing start to his senior season. It started off in the indoor season as he competed along with Jessica Cooper the ECAC National Indoor Meet, and he is now to qualifying in the shot put, javelin, and discus. The throw of 158'4" was not only good enough to place in the ECAC meet, but it broke his own school record, qualify for the NCAA's provisionally and rank 8th in the nation.

Sophomore jumper Jessica Cooper is on pace to break her provisional mark and head to the NCAA National Meet. "Jess is right on pace to make her jump to put her into the national meet. Now all she needs is some cooperation with the weather and she will get there." Coach Don Augustine said.

Even in the cold, Cooper hit a mark of 5'5", proving that this goal is in realistic reach. Even as impressive as hitting her jumping heights Cooper finished third against some very stiff competition, some of which compete in the Big Ten NCAA Division 1 conference.

Hadbavny was not the only record breaker in South Carolina; Kristen Van Sickel also broke the school record in the 400 with a mark of 1:00.29.

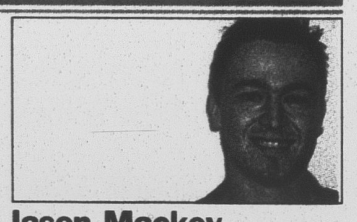
However, the team laurels do not stop here. Freshmen hurdler Veronica Geretz was also named PAC as well as SAAC Athlete of the Week honors.

Coach Augustine is far from disappointed with his team's performances thus far.

"The trip over break was a good source of team chemistry. The moral on the team is still very high." Augustine said. "Even though the weather may not be ideal all the time, everyone is sucking it up and preparing for the conference meet."

Coach Augustine attributes much of the team's success, especially on the womens' side to the quality of the newcomers.

Expect big things from our newcomers. Last year we finished 4th and this year with their and everyone's contributions, it is attainable for the Titans to capture the PAC title.



Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

An irregular position

For two members of the Titan baseball team this spring seemed like just another year on the diamond. Senior Ed DeRose figured to resume his place in the Titan outfield (An all-conference selection in 2005), while freshman John Izzo looked forward to a solid career on the pitching mound.

So much for predictions.

DeRose has found a home behind the plate, while Izzo has established himself as one of the most feared hitters in the team's lineup and a regular in the outfield.

But don't think that these changes have been made without some growing pains.

"Basically it's terrifying. I just came here to pitch, and then I was trying to hit. Coach asked me to try the outfield, so I did" said Izzo.

"Every day I have to ice. You just have injuries that you never thought you could even have," DeRose said, displaying his newest form of fashion: a clear, plastic bag filled with ice.

C'mon, the results aren't that bad. In fact, the duo has served as an integral part to the team's 8-9 record (3-3 in the PAC).

DeRose has posted a .339 average (19-56), two home runs, as well as a team leading 19 RBI.

However, by his own admission, DeRose places an almost comical importance on the sacrifice-fly.

"A lot of guys overlook that stat, but from my standpoint it's better to lead in something than nothing at all," DeRose added.

Izzo has fared decently while on the mound, while showing even more prowess with the aluminum.

Posting a 1-1 record on the mound, Izzo has struck out 16 with opponents hitting a paltry .196 against the southpaw from Union.

Having seen time at both DH and right field, Izzo is hitting .326 (15-46), adding five extra-base hits and 11 RBI.

For those with a serious mental void when it comes to baseball, it's not exactly conventional wisdom to put an outfielder behind the plate and throw a kid in the outfield that's never played there before.

However, there's a simple reason that both have welcomed the change.

"I've always played second base, but I'll do anything for the team," said DeRose.

It seems that as the season grows longer, the growing pains will certainly subside.

But, unfortunately, the ice bags will probably be well out of style.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Halfway through Lady Titan softball season

Team confidence high as it nears conference schedule

By Brandon Phillian
Campus Writer

Halfway signifies unison of the past, present, and halfway is where the Lady Titans season stands right now.

At the halfway point, the Lady Titans will look into what they've accomplished in the past, what they are doing in the present, and where they plan to be in the future.

By examining themselves at the halfway point in their season, the Lady Titans' midseason progress report would probably not rate at the top with their results so far this season. However, the positives come when evaluating what the team is currently doing in the present and what it plans to do in the future. Because the Lady Titans have only played two PAC games and are 1-1 in conference play, the future will truly determine the Lady Titans' season. This future is one that the Lady Titans believe holds promise.

"As of now we are not doing too well. However, we are determined to take the rest of our games. If we play the way we know how to play, we will be successful," said junior pitcher Jennifer Pancake.

Senior Karisa Nilsen also believes that the future will ultimately determine the Lady Titans season.

"Even though this year has been a more difficult start to the season, we have plenty of chances to win the PAC because we have only played in two conference games," Nilsen said.

To recap last week's action, the Lady Titans went 3-5 in four doubleheaders. After dropping a pair to Mount Union, the Lady Titans rebounded by sweeping Pitt Greensburg. The Lady Titans opened conference play with

If we play the way we know how to play, we will be successful.
Jennifer Pancake

Thomas More and split the series at one game apiece. To conclude the week, the team dropped a pair to a talented Case Western Reserve team.

Although the Lady Titans plan to learn and grow from the past, it is the future that has this team charged and ready to go.

"We are working very hard as we approach our conference schedule, and we plan on having our hard work pay off," Nilsen said.

Saturday will play a major role in the team's future as it does battle with Bethany.

"After playing Bethany on Saturday we'll know where we stand. These games will play a major role in determining where we rank in the conference," said senior and second-basewoman Abby Mazar.

Going into Saturday, the Lady Titans will rely on the arm of Pancake, whose record stands at 8-8 in lieu of a minute ERA of 1.40. The Lady Titans will also lean heavy on the bats of Heather Gurgiolo, Mazar, and Stephanie Cornicelli, who all claim batting averages of over .300 and are the team leaders in on-base percentage. Hopefully, by combining stout pitching with potent offense, the Lady Titans will be victorious on Saturday.

"We have to get back into last year's routine and rhythm. If we do this, we will acquire the fire and ultimately be victorious," Pancake said.

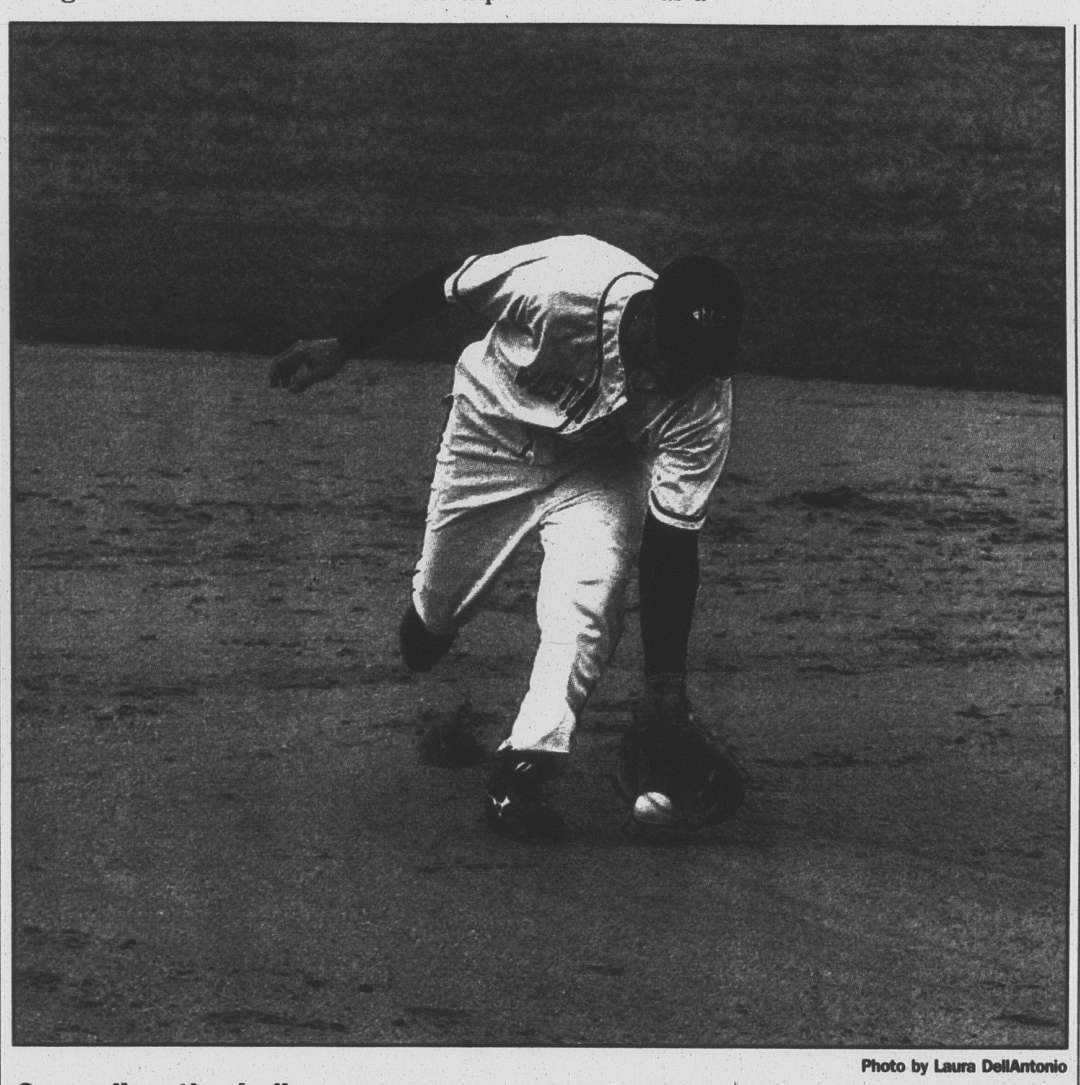


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Grounding the ball

Above: second baseman Sophomore Don Kirkwood scoops up a ground ball for a Titan out.

The team saw its 2006 record drop to 8-9 overall and 3-3 in PAC April 2 when the Titans suffered a 19-10 home loss to W&J.

In addition to the 29 runs, the two teams combined for 34 hits and 12 errors in the wild affair. The game was tied 4-4 after three innings when W&J went ahead for good with a four-run fourth, taking an 8-4 advantage. The Titans cut the lead to 8-5 in the fifth, only the see the Presidents assume control with three runs each in the sixth and seventh innings and five more in the eighth.

Freshman southpaw Gary DeBaldo started the game on the hill for the Titans, giving up four runs (three earned) on five hits in 2 2/3 innings. He was replaced by senior Jason Mackey, who suffered the loss to drop to 0-2 on the season. Four other Titan pitchers saw action to complete the contest.

The offense managed 16 hits in defeat. Senior outfielder Steve Brink was a perfect 2-for-2 with a double and three runs scored, while sophomore outfielder James Padula and freshman outfielder John Izzo managed two hits apiece. Senior first baseman Brian Andrews and senior catcher Ed DeRose each added RBI doubles for the Titans.

Trunk divides time among swimming, academics, and student government

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

Recently one Westminster swimmer has made a big splash on campus as well as nationally.

Not only has junior Ryan Trunk represented Westminster College at the Division III National Championship meet, but Trunk also ran with Matt Kerns's winning slate and now holds the vice-president position.

"I'm really proud of him," says teammate and friend, junior Megan McLaughlin.

"It really speaks to Ryan's character that he has the work ethic and determination to achieve so many prestigious accomplishments. As his teammate I see how hard he works, in and out of the water, and he deserves everything that he has attained."

Trunk began a three day swim meet March 16 and competed in three different events—the most an athlete can individually enter. Trunk finished sixth in the 100 free, eighth in the 50 free, and 22nd in the 200 free, which earned him All-American recognition.

Trunk was sworn into the vice-presidential position last month and plans to continue to fulfill the vice-presidential responsibilities of the past, such as planning Volleyrock and overseeing the student representative of the Board of Trustees selection, just to name a few.

Yet, Trunk also plans to make many innovative changes. Trunk makes it his responsibility to track the progress of the slate goals to ensure the slate's productivity; Trunk will create a permanent diversity chair to the senate committees. It was also Trunk's idea to encourage wider participation in the senate by having senators bring one friend to each meeting.

Trunk's obligations and leadership has not ended there. A certified Red Cross WSI, he organizes and leads two sessions of community swim lessons which help to fundraise the swim team's annual training trip over winter break.

One may ask, why might one student wish to keep so busy?

"Swimming is a very demanding sport, and Vice-President is a very demanding position," Trunk said. "But it seems the busier I become the easier it is for me to do good work in my various duties. But I plan to try my hardest in all my endeavors."

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The Libertine

No Depp thoughts

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

"You will not like me," states the Earl of Rochester to his naïve audience, "You will not like me now, and you will like me a good deal less as we go on." Now, my remarks to you are, "You will not like The Libertine. You will not like it now, and you will like it a good deal less as it goes on."

Sadly, even Johnny Depp fails to entertain me sometimes. He plays the scandalous role of the Second Earl of Rochester, under the rule of Charles II (John Malkovich). He is married to Elizabeth Malet (Rosamund Pike), though he spends most of his time at the bars and the brothels. And I really mean most of the time-he's more acquainted with the prostitutes than his home.

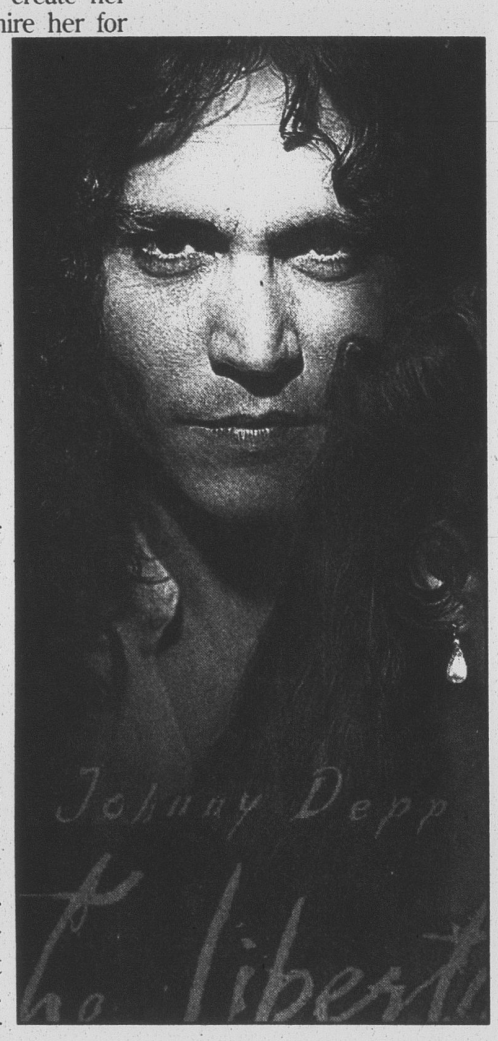
The film traces his very short and pathetic life; he dies at 33 from multiple venereal diseases that rot away his nose and face. If you're looking to see a film to admire Johnny Depp's dashing good looks, I advise you to look elsewhere. He spends most of his time getting banished from London for offending Charles II, though Charles always caves in and lets him come back for amusement. Despite his questionable lifestyle, the Earl is a popular man with the people, and writes satirical plays and poems while spending the rest of his time in the theater.

I suppose you could say the theater is where his small heart lies, and it is where he finds the love of his life in actress Elizabeth Barry (Samantha Morton). He takes her under his wing and trains her in the theater. She becomes a great actress, but by her own accord. Though the Earl is devoted to her, she refuses to become a product of someone else; she wants to create her own talent. I admire her for this, though I wish she would have been a little bit smarter and cut the Earl out of her life for good, for fear of catching disease if nothing else.

Ultimately, everyone cuts the Earl from any respectable society as he depreciates into a diseased disaster. His wife eventually takes him back out of pity, but he has hit a new low. He doesn't write or attend theater, he only drinks and complains and eventually dies.

The problem with the film is that you despise the character. Depp portrays the Earl of Rochester in the talented way that he can, but it doesn't matter. You start off disliking the character, and by the end you hate him without having a good plot to redeem the film. I found myself checking my watch in hopes of ending the torture-I just didn't care to see any more disease and prostitutes. Director Stephen Jeffrey tried to build a good film from someone's misery, but missed the shot. I guess even Johnny Depp gets it wrong sometimes.

Rating: C-



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Depp is too much of a bad boy to be even remotely liked.

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Granola sold in TUB also made by student and relative

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

I had the chance to try a good treat right on campus this week! Homemade granola. That's right, we have a cook right on campus that is offering her tasty treats to you for a low price of $2.50 per cup, or $1 for a bag of bars.

Not only is this granola available to us, but it is also sold at the "Café at the Lofts" in Pittsburgh. Sophomore Jessica Hickman and her cousin, Sarah Kariganis, make it right from home. Let me tell you, it's the best granola I've ever had, and trust me, I've had a lot of granola.

Luckily when Hickman gave me the bag of granola, I even had some yogurt to go with it. It's fantastic alone, but the yogurt was a refreshing addition and brought out all of the wonderful flavors. It's even better than Mugsies!

Their business is called "Grand-O-La." You can place your orders at buygrandola@gmail.com. I highly recommend it, and you'll also be helping out a fellow Westminster student! These are great gifts for friends and relatives, as well. And now that summer is almost here, we all want to start eating healthy, and as they say at "Grand-O-La," this is "a healthy indulgence."

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

Cotton Patch Gospel

Toe-tapping fun this weekend

By Roxanne Ierino
Campus writer

Praise and worship will be displayed this weekend in *Cotton Patch Gospel* as those involved flaunt their God-given talents.

Non-music and non-theatre majors are devoting time and hard work to worship God through a musical. The cast is mainly comprised of freshmen and sophomores. Seniors Colter McElree and Amy Schroder are directing the production, and junior Julia Broskey is the choreographer.

"I love that the whole idea behind it is to worship God through the show," Schroder said. "Even when everyone's frustrated with all of the work involved, it helps to remember Whom we're doing it for."

Cotton Patch Gospel is set in rural Georgia and features bluegrass music. The story of Matthew and John is portrayed in a mid-20th century setting. The language and culture enacted in the musical attempts to bring the Scripture closer to home.

"The show has kind of a country theme, lots of toe-tapping songs and catchy characters," Schroder said.

The *Cotton Patch Gospel* is a series of books by Clarence Jordan. The stories of Jesus and the letters of Peter and Paul are put into the language and culture of the mid-20th century South. The musical, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, is an adaptation of Jordan's Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John. Tom Key and Harry Chapin take credit for the off-Broadway musical with their interpretation of Matthew and John.

"This musical was chosen to deviate from the typical religious musicals which have been performed in the past years," Broskey said. "*Cotton Patch Gospel* is a version of Jesus' story from the gospels of the Bible in an entertaining hoedown form."

Cotton Patch Gospel is the only off-Broadway show to receive praise from *Rolling Stone* and *Christianity Today*.

"A winner! Drop everything and go see it. Your feet will be tapping, and your fingers will be snapping," *Christianity Today* stated.

The performances will take place on Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel. It is free and open to the public.

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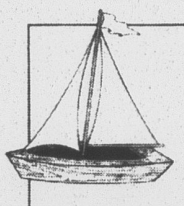
Clarence Jordan's book comes alive in this upbeat, God-praisin' play.



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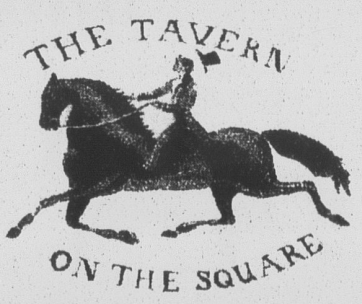

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Honeysuckle Love
By Aimee Gerber

Love is sweet like a honeysuckle flower
Yet everything about love causes us to cower
With a smell that engages the hardest noses
A sparkle, a softness it emits as it poses,
Grace demands its highest position
Unforgivingly knowing the winds disposition
Disguising itself in the velvet night's cover
The flower blooms brilliantly leaving us to discover
The scent it unveils upon the loneliest traveler
And then uncaringly dies leaving us a scavenger
Scrapping and prodding the lost scents and petals
Never allowing us to grasp it and settle

"Liebe Fussball"
by Ben Knauff

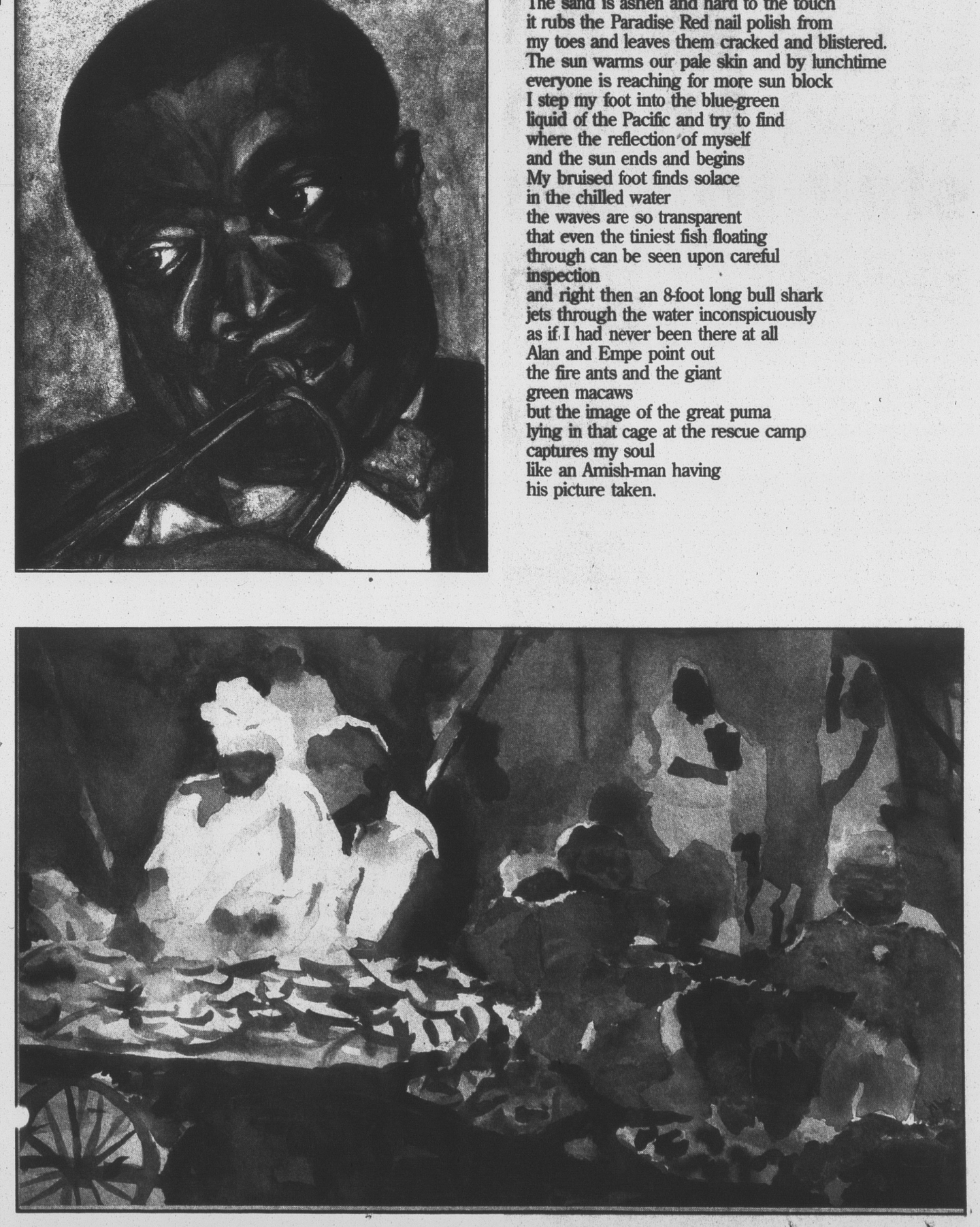
This game that I love, I play it for fun,
Dave was my first coach, because I am his son.
He told me, "Play hard, and play with your heart."
And "All perfection with perfect practice will start."
He said "Keep your head down, shoulders over the ball."
He taught me to lead and to answer the call.
He encouraged me to try new teams and new coaches,
So I could improve on my skills and approaches.
At first this game was for me just an activity,
But in time I developed for this sport a proclivity.
This sport is for teams and be a team you must,
It requires much diligence, practice, and trust.
Trust is a true basis for friendships to build around,
So friendships with teammates are lastingly bound.
Even now as cruel time works out our fates,
Most of my friends are my old teammates.
Many memories dot the path we wrought and took,
They are difficult to separate to take a good look.
I remember those practices after school at night.
We refused to stop playing until we lost light.
At times denying nature itself was our form,
As we practiced right through a violent storm.
Practice always ended with a small competition,
Game choice determined by executive decision.
World Cup, races, playing without shoes,
Penalty kicks, juggling, and one on ones (or twos).
Not one team member would ever dare slumber,
When Dave said "Line up, and call out your number."
These practices took place on Tuesday and Thursday,
But the weekends were that which held our hearts sway.
We endured defeats together but happiness we found,
Champions at Edinboro we were destined to be crowned.
We may be split now and fast losing touch,
But those days to me will always matter much.
When I remember the games, my senses can feel,
All of the things that make a memory so real.
With a deep blue sky, zephyrs grace the air,
Springtime sun shines warmth in my hair.
Our warm-up begins, we smell fresh-cut grass.
Twelve growing boys and one beautiful lass.
Out walks a referee who appears very stout,
Beside twenty-two athletes primed for this bout.
He signals he's ready and we take the field,
Knowing that likely no goals we would yield.
Our well placed passes create patterns on the pitch.
Someone near the goal calls out for a switch.
We score very soon and devoted fans cheer,
Our focus is complete, so we don't even hear.
The final whistle blows, it's the end of the match.
We shake hands and leave our green grass patch.
To think of those days gives my heart such aid,
I hope beyond hope that the memories won't fade.
Our era is even now so long in the past.
Time passed us by and left us so fast.
I've played this sport since but it never appealed,
As much as club soccer on a Mars Soccer Field.

Untitled
by Julie Tvaruzek

She wants to be one of those
artists that lives in the
city with her big white
cat in an apartment with
green walls and tofu
in the fridge where her
friends come over at
three in the morning
sipping tea and covered
in clay playing music
with their mouths and
their hands while she
wanders around in slippers
and dark rimmed glasses
her hair short and around
her ears 'til the sunlight
streams through her
bohemian curtains and she
takes her bag to the
market to buy plums
for breakfast.

Costa Rican Raindrops
by Amanda Hauger

mud slick so deep
that even the tires
of the 4-wheeler
can't seem to get through
the rusty-colored mess
the nightfall calls to the creatures
of the rainforest
the howler monkeys move
like invisibility through
the cloaked branches
the crocodiles begin
mating
and the wild boars
sniff out their next
nightly fix
when day awakens
some of the animals
go to sleep finally
others stretch their
long limbs out
like the sloth,
reaching into the sunlight
with its long, hairy, algae-
covered arms and weird
child-like smile
we hike the 12-mile trails, tired
of the sticky heat that envelopes
the back of our hairline
the cloud forest covers
us with its succulent mist and dew
standing on the mountain
the Pacific is mirrored between
branches and twigs until finally
the opening is in front of us
the precious coral reefs darken the
light-blue wash with its undersea
mysteries
a surfer takes off on a crested wave
"you don't want to go surfing at night,"
Alan tells us.
"Old Pedro went out on his board at dusk
right where that damn tiger shark likes to swim and we
ain't never seen him again."
The sand is ashen and hard to the touch
it rubs the Paradise Red nail polish from
my toes and leaves them cracked and blistered.
The sun warms our pale skin and by lunchtime
everyone is reaching for more sun block
I step my foot into the blue-green
liquid of the Pacific and try to find
where the reflection of myself
and the sun ends and begins
My bruised foot finds solace
in the chilled water
the waves are so transparent
that even the tiniest fish floating
through can be seen upon careful
inspection
and right then an 8-foot long bull shark
jets through the water inconspicuously
as if I had never been there at all
Alan and Empe point out
the fire ants and the giant
green macaws
but the image of the great puma
lying in that cage at the rescue camp
captures my soul
like an Amish-man having
his picture taken.



Mermaids wash up on shore

One college tradition remembered

By Heather Evakich and Kathryn Larson
Campus writer and Co-editor in Chief

Once upon a time there were a group of young ladies (and a few occasional men) who splashed around gracefully and grandly in our pools.

Over the years, their memory has fallen by the wayside (er, poolside).

Sheri Lyn Timm, class of 1980, fondly recalls her years as a synchronized swimmer in the club "The Mermaids."

The group was non-competitive, deciding only to put on a three-evening show once a year for an audience, much like Dance Theatre does today.

Timm says it was very much a waterworks event. And, they had to really prep.

Timm says they actually wore pantyhose in the water. "We wore different tights for the different songs," Timm said. "White or black…they gave our legs some color."

Not only were their appendages moving to the music, but they were also illuminated by a balcony spotlight. "For any leg out of the water…they'd shine the light on it," Timm said.

Since childhood, Timm loved to swim, but she wasn't a trained ballerina; in fact, she never took dance. Still, this was one way for her to undertake some graceful exercise. "I'm not very graceful on land," Timm said. "But I felt more graceful because of buoyancy."

According to Kip Haas, former coach of women's sports, anywhere between 18 and 30 individuals were involved with the Mermaids per year, averaging 20 to 24.

Timm says even the men would try-out. "All the macho male swimmers, they'd come in and do a couple aerial things," Timm said. "You know, they weren't trying to look graceful…they were trying to appear strong."

The group used to hold practices in Old 77, back when the building housed the only pool on campus. Nowadays, students will find the dance studio in the original pool's vicinity.

The "Mermaid" discussed in the article is located on the far right. Sheri Lyn Timm posing proudly with her squad in the 1979 *Argo*.

But let it be known that the mermaids weren't just a passing fad. According to Marge Walker, former coach of women's sports, "It was the oldest women's activity like that on campus." She also said that it had been around for a long time, going as far back as the 30's.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. In 1988, after the addition of the women's competitive swim team to campus sports, students lost interest in the Mermaids, and the group fell apart. Walker says the same thing happened at Grove City College as well, except that Grove City's synchronized swimming group lasted a few years longer than the one here. Not much information is left on the Mermaids because many of the documents were destroyed or lost when Haas retired last year.

Timm has never forgotten her years glistening as a Mermaid.

"I know when I was teaching my kids to swim, I'd throw in some synchronized swimming— they'd think it was neat," Timm said. "They were intrigued cause they'd never tried it."

Today, Timm is still a fan of the water—and does plenty of water kicks too. That's because she's a trained swimming aerobics instructor.

Photo by enterprising layout editor

The Merman Scooter was not part of the original mermaid squad, but other guys were!

Titan swimmers pass on knowledge, skill to community youth

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

Though the regular swim season ended in mid-February, the swimmers have been hitting the pool for the past two weeks.

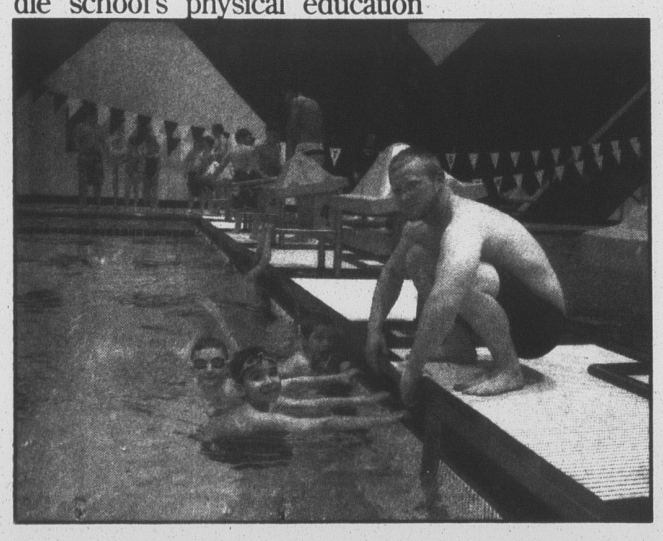
Why? Our college swim team has taught two sets of swimming lessons to fifth graders and the community.

The swim team has been running community swim lessons for more than a decade. Organized into two sections, one from 5-5:45 p.m. and another session from 6-6:45 p.m. from Monday through Thursday, community swim lessons help finance the team's winter training trip. Westminster swimmers use American Red Cross teaching methods to train the 76 enrolled students.

While the community swim lessons build the team's funding, the swimmers teach fifth grade lessons to support the local middle school's physical education department. More than 15 years ago members of the physical education staff at Wilmington Area Middle School wished to include a swimming unit in their classes. Without any nearby pool, they looked to the college for help.

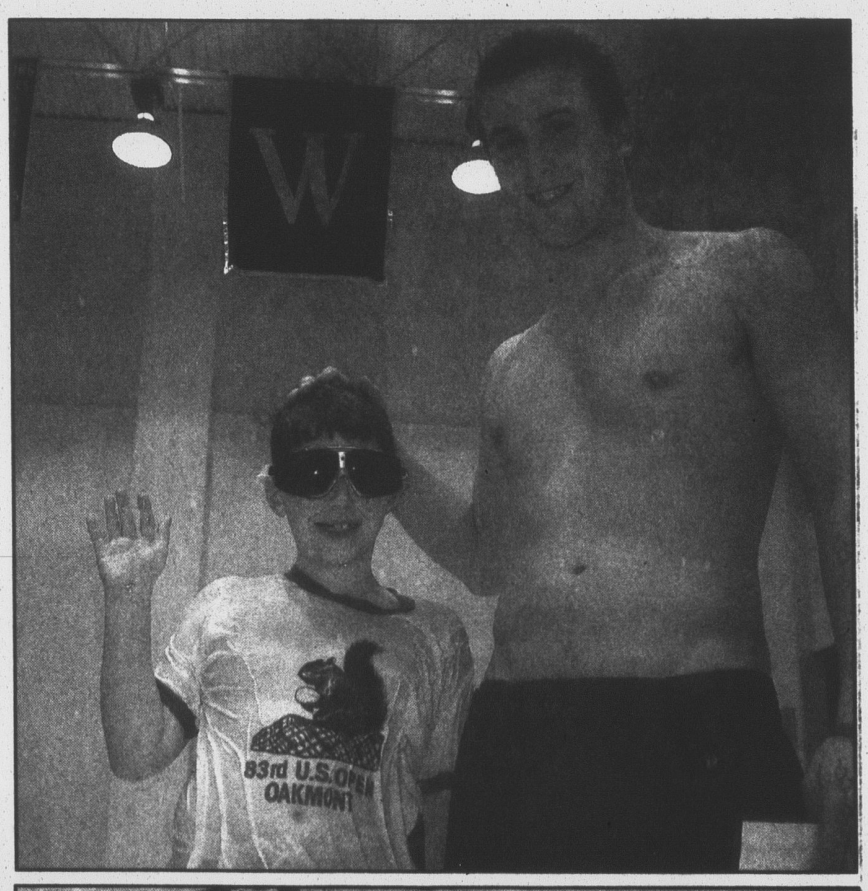
This year, Titan swimmers will teach 117 students from the school.

"It's a nice opportunity for [our athletes] to give back to the little kids," explains aquatics director and head varsity swimming coach Robert Klamut. "Our athletes love to share their expertise. This program is like one that our athletes were probably enrolled in when they were younger, and now they can train future, potential collegiate swimmers."



"As a past fifth grade lesson swimmer and a person who lives in the community, I think these swim lessons are a perfect way to give back to the community and teach people about swimming," explains our college's current 200 breaststroke record holder Chris Lehberger. "It not only gives the swim team a good name, but it also helps the local programs. I'm very proud of our swim team and how we readily give back to the community."

"I took lessons here in the early '90s," junior Colin Dean said. "I refused to jump off the diving boards the college had at the time, so Coach made a deal with me: he'd jump off the board with his clothes on and I'd jump off after him. We both kept our ends of the deal and I've enjoyed swimming and diving ever since."



Photography by Chip Hothem

Clockwise from bottom left: sophomore Ian Yarger, junior Shaun McNamara, freshman Conor Simpson and sophomore Lindsey Crist spend some time teaching area youth the fine art of swimming.

Calendar

April 7, 2006

Last Day to Withdraw (if approved)

Science Olympiad

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:00 PM Baseball vs. Thiel (H)

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Titan Traverse Games Training – MCC Witherspoon Maple

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Annapolis – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Chapel Drama: The Cotton Patch Gospel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Producers – MCC Mueller Theater

April 8, 2006

Women's Golf at Washington and Jefferson Invitational

Relay for Life

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Mount Union Invitational

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MCAT Prep – Hoyt 152

9:00 AM Men's Tennis at Grove City

12:00 PM Men's Tennis vs. Penn State-Altoona (at Grove City)

1:00 PM Baseball at Thiel

1:00 PM Softball vs. Bethany (H)

3:00 PM Saxophone Studio Recital – Orr Auditorium

6:30 PM Senior Piano Recital: Matthew Fodor – Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Mu Phi Epsilon Dance – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Producers – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Annapolis – MCC Mueller Theater

April 9, 2006

Men's Golf at Mid-Atlantic Regional in Hershey, PA

2:00 PM Chapel Drama: The Cotton Patch Gospel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Annapolis – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Chapel Drama: The Cotton Patch Gospel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Producers – MCC Mueller Theater

April 10, 2006

Registration – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

Sorority Meetings

Men's Golf at Mid-Atlantic Regional in Hershey, PA

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

April 11, 2006

Registration – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

3:00 PM Men's Tennis at Washington and Jefferson

3:00 PM Softball vs. Grove City (H)

7:30 PM Faculty Woodwind and Brass Quintets Concert – Orr Auditorium

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

April 12, 2006

Registration – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Andrea Grove, "Understanding U. S. Foreign Policy Toward Pakistan: Why the War on Terror Fuels the Jihad" – MCC Mueller Theater

April 13, 2006

Women's Golf at Thiel Invitational

Registration – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

2:00 PM Baseball vs. Mount Aloysius (H)

3:00 PM Men's Tennis vs. Bethany (H)

3:00 PM Softball vs. Saint Vincent (H)

6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

Sudoku!

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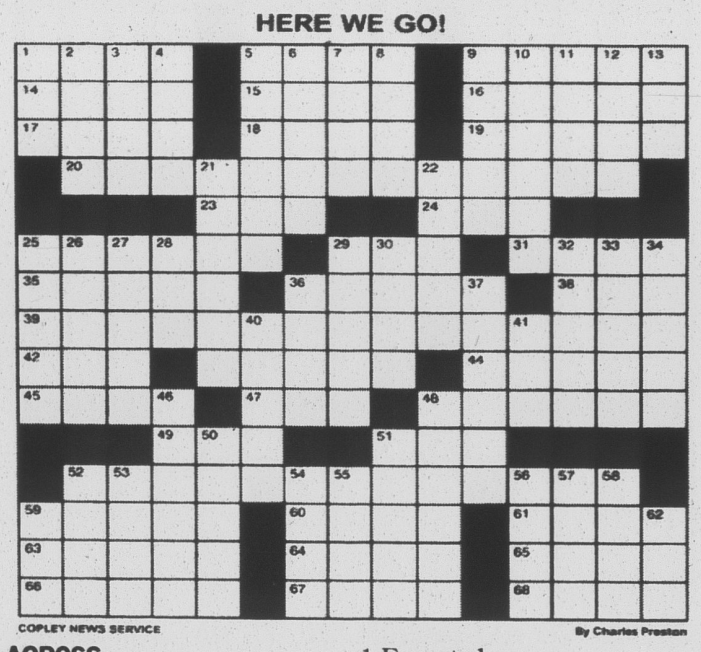

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

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18 ___ Valley, Calif.
19 Dummy
20 Unnecessary stuff
23 Pot or pair opener
24 Lamprey, e.g.
25 Lumber yard option
29 Ariz. clock setting
31 Winnow
35 Golden
36 ___ minute!
38 ___ double take
39 Words from the commanding officer
42 Holds, in a way
43 Sound from Car 54
44 Pot or shot
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47 Bumped into
48 Fashion fads
49 ___ was saying
51 Emulate Picabo Street
52 Exactly the right thing
59 Forward
60 Open ___ of worms
61 Bird class
63 Take away, in law
64 ___ out: fall asleep
65 Forum noise?
66 Fret
67 Yardage bits
68 Kon-Tiki Museum city

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9 Bank plant
10 Math word
11 It's in a chest
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13 Copy
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29 Olympia artist
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33 Police group
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57 Day followers
58 Reveal
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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Inconsistencies in your income or financial statements beg for an investigation. Take time to figure out what should be the correct dollar amounts or withholdings.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You may find yourself in front of a crowd or in the spotlight this week. Communicate your thoughts and ideas with a special flair.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): The ideal solution to an ongoing problem is finally within sight. Do your best to be patient and wait until you have all of the facts and details.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): A club or group you belong to has an important mission. Put your head together with those of a few close friends or associates and let the creativity begin.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Cash in on a key cycle of achievement. Use the knowledge and experience you have accumulated to make great strides in your career.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): An attitude adjustment might be just what is needed to improve your outlook. Turn to a motivational or inspirational text to help put you on the right track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You have some decisions to make about credit card debt or spending. Play it smart and avoid taking on more financial obligations than you can handle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): A heart-to-heart talk with a partner or mate is long overdue. Take time this week to sit down, compare notes and make plans for what will be your shared future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Be sure to stay informed on current policies or scheduled changes at work. Read a circulated newsletter or memo with special care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Plan to spend quality time in social- or entertainment-type activities this week. Do yourself a favor and make an extra effort to go out and enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Take steps to overcome doubts, fears or uncertainties about loved ones or family. Ask questions and hope for honesty and full disclosure.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): There is a high probability for mistakes in communication. Review important paperwork, documents or forms and make the necessary corrections.

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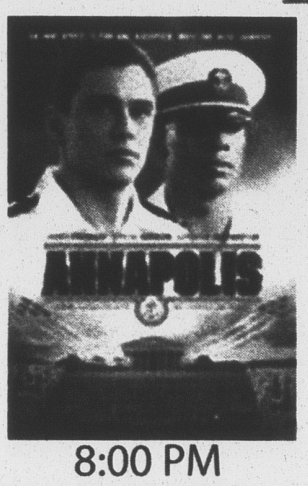

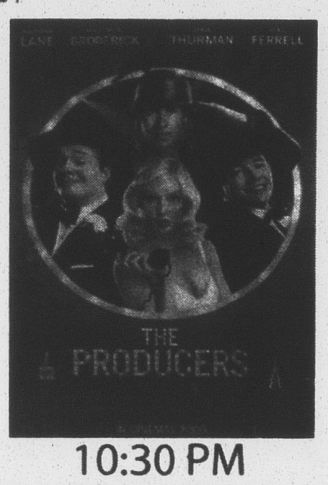

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Apr. 22 Alpha Psi Omega One Acts
Apr. 29 Sing n Swing
May 6 Volley Rock
May 6 Jazz Concert
May 9-12 Late Night for Finals
Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

Bites from the Big Apple

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

With dreams of Prada, Chinatown, Little Italy and all things "Sex and the City" in my mind last Friday, our van of 96 thrill-seeking students ventured onto the seemingly unending I-80. The next seven hours were filled with quick naps, lots of snacks and numerous position changes.

When we finally emerged from the tunnel, my eyes were filled with bright lights and my ears could hear each taxi's obnoxious honking.

As Lauren Scheller and I quickly changed from our comfy van-wear to our "New York-ish" get-ups (Payless Shoes and all) we raced out of the hotel door before we even jumped on the plush white bedcovers. Upon exiting the hotel, we hailed a taxi and attempted to tell him to drop us off at the nearest hot spot.

The meat packing district it was, and soon we were drinking Amstel Light at just $6 a bottle. Awhile later we trekked uptown and found ourselves in Union Square. I admired the true New Yorkers jet setting styles, complete with mismatched outfits even Carrie Bradshaw would envy. Around 1 a.m. Lauren and I found ourselves at Jake's Saloon, talking to a waiter from Pittsburgh. New York was bustling even though I was feeling a bit sleepy.

Saturday morning I woke early in order to shower and prepare for my first full New York day. The sun was out and it was a bit breezy. Lauren and I started by taking the subway to Canal Street in Chinatown. The subway was just a bit frightening and even more confusing, so we decided to stick with taxis until our money ran out (which wasn't long).

Chinatown was packed with tourists and every corner we turned someone was offering us Prada and Coach bags. The idea seemed lucrative, and soon we were following a woman down the street. When she tried taking us up five flights of stairs, we politely declined. We did, however, manage to bargain for a few Coach knock-offs later on.

A taxi took us to Times Square and by the time we arrived I was feeling a bit queasy from the constant non-stop jolting of all gas and all brake. As we walked around I couldn't help but wonder, do New Yorkers sometimes feel as if they're being swallowed up by the hugeness of the city?

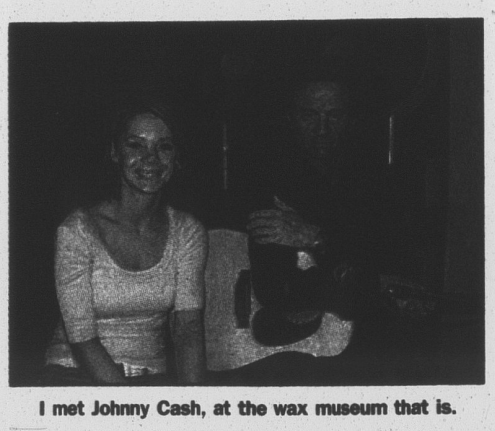
After having a serious Carrie Bradshaw moment, I did some swallowing of my own as I stuffed the biggest brownie on the planet into my mouth. After the much needed chocolate fix, we were off to my favorite spot, the shopping district. All of the stores were amazingly similar to their Pittsburgh area counterparts, although the major difference was how big some of them were.

That night, it was back to the meat packing district for some divine dinner at a chic restaurant "The Spotted Pig." If you're ever in the area, definitely stop there and make sure you order the gnudi. It will be well worth it, just trust me on this one.

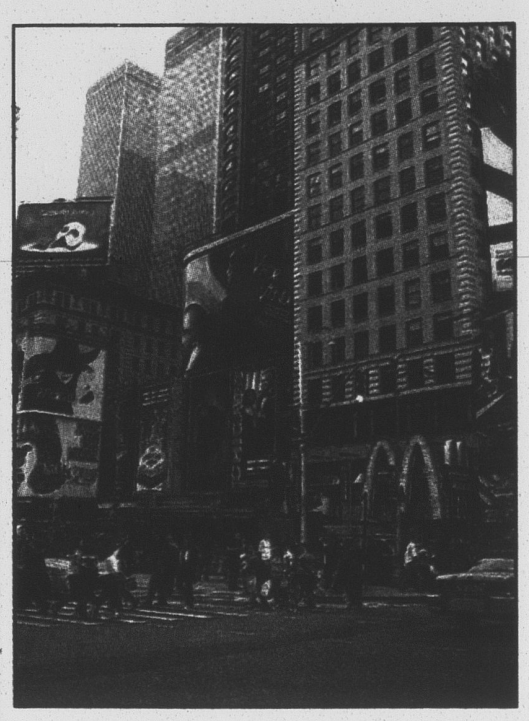
Afterwards, Lauren's New York friend showed us around and soon we were drinking at a hotel party. Later we found a little treasure of a bar where a draft beer was just $3.50, a true New York City bargain. Many drinks later, we found ourselves at a house party in Brooklyn. To me it seemed like a bit of a shady area; a real warehouse turned apartment look, and we didn't stay long. By the time my head hit the pillow, I glanced at the clock and saw glowing red numbers staring back at me, 4:30 a.m.

My favorite thing about New York were the quaint little parks that were nestled inside of the overcrowded architecture. They seemed to pop up at surprising moments.

In the end, it was quite sad to leave the city that contains so many people's hopes and-dreams. Although the rent is outrageous (a half decent apartment can cost up at $1,500 a month) and the traffic is absurd, I can see how one moves to this city and never wants to leave.



I met Johnny Cash, at the wax museum that is.



Times Square: always bustling with activity

Photos by Amanda Hauger
The city skyline meets nature; an interesting view

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She's been bitten by the NYC bug and despite doubts and protests, insists upon living there in the near future.

Soap for Sale

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Jan Baznik and her husband Lou are used to giving back to the community through working with the delinquent juvenile population for over 30 years, but now they are using their good hearts to give back in a very different way.

Baznik currently owns and operates her own soap shop in Jamestown, PA called Jamestown Soap Works. She opened the shop on July 4 two years ago, when she decided to stop working as a therapist and become a mad kitchen scientist as she experimented with oils and fats to create original and old fashioned soap. Although her work is finished as a therapist, Baznik believes that she must still have an impact on the people with whom she interacts.

"I have always taught the kids that I worked with to give back to the community, so that is why I created the Happy Feet Party," Baznik said.

The Happy Feet Party is a chance for people to have an evening of relaxation. The party is for anyone interested in participating, and it features an array of tasty treats such as quiche, homemade sourdough bread, finger foods and iced tea. Along with the fun eats, guests are given the opportunity to try many of her products and foot scrub.

"We are getting them away from their busy lives for an evening," Baznik said.

The interesting fact about Happy Feet Parties is that they are absolutely free. Baznik feels as though this is her way to give back to the community, people who enjoy her products, or those who just need a relaxing evening out of the house. She is very adamant about not talking about the business itself and there are no expectations for guests to travel into her shop and buy something. On the other hand, it seems that when people discover this Jamestown treasure, they cannot resist her jewels of a product.

"I come here so much that she probably thinks I am obsessed with her lotions," customer Patty Chavara said. "My favorite product is the butter cream."

Baznik says that making her soap is almost an ancient craft. She takes the concept of grandma's old fashioned lye soap and modernizes it to balance the fats, oils and butters. Her soap is something you will not find in a convenience store.

Baznik explains that most commercial soap is compressed detergent that leaves skin dry by removing the natural oils.

"I use fifty some oils and butters including exotic emu oil that costs $200 dollars a gallon," Baznik said. "One of the hardest parts of the business is finding these ingredients."

Baznik has almost all of her ingredients shipped to her shop that is located behind her home. She spends much of her time filling and making the soaps, lotions, butter creams, chapstick and candles with close friends that volunteer their time.

"Would you like to see my automated filling machine?" Baznik said jokingly as she dug a funnel out from under her supplies.

Another unique quality of her products is that as you read the labels and smell the fragrances, you are actually taking a journey through the history of Jamestown. Baznik names many of her 30 fragrances after icons in the community. Some scents for men include Mark Twain Manor and Pymatuming Lake. McClintock's Barbershop, The Gibson House, Myrna's Flowers and Jamestown Fair are all fragrances representing local shops, events, and a bit of town history.

Baznik puts time and care into her products, focusing on the superior quality of ingredients used as well as making sure she treats people to an evening of relaxation and happy feet. For more information call Jamestown Soap Works at 724- 932-3679.

Photo by Natalie Coccia

Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

Q & A with one lucky senior
Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a radio goddess

Photo by Amanda Hauger

Although she's lovingly known as "Poodle" on Titan Radio airwaves, senior broadcast communications major Heather Storm goes by her real name while working weekends at the #1 radio station in Erie, Star 104.

At the age of 12, Heather got the broadcasting bug while holding a boom box to her television set to record music from "Full House." She later turned the recordings into a soundtrack. In high school she dabbled in television work, but it wasn't until she came to Westminster that she found her true love: radio.

"I love radio because I get to talk to people about fun stuff," Heather said. "I enjoy having people call in; that's how I connect with the listeners."

Her work with Titan Radio began her freshman year as a DJ. In the past four years she has served as Music Director (her junior year) and Program Director (junior and senior year). Heather has conducted numerous remotes, including the annual Relay for Life event. Weekly, she co-hosts "Hauger and Poodle in the morning" (with yours truly) every Tuesday from 7-9 a.m., and she continues to host her Monday night DJ shift "Monday Night Party" from 10-12 p.m.

Besides her active involvement with Titan Radio, Heather has worked as a producer for The County Line, served on Titan Crew for three years and has interned at both WKBN in Youngstown and WQED in Pittsburgh. This past summer, she worked more than 80 hours a week between radio news and DJ shifts on Titan Radio and overnight shifts at Star 107.

It was at Star 107 that Heather was able to meet one of her favorite DJ's of all time, Melanie Taylor.

"I liked Melanie on B94 and I've always looked up to her," Heather said. "She's the coolest girl I've met and she's so humble."

Clearly Heather's ambition led her to the current job at Star 104 in Erie, but a bit of blogging didn't hurt either. In Heather's broadcasting blog, (heatherstorm06.blogspot.com) part of the broadcast communications capstone project, she wrote a weekly feature, "Radio Girl of the Week." She featured up and coming women in the radio business and through this portion of her blog, started corresponding with Jessica Curry, the assistant Program Director at Star 104. Four months later she started filling in during the Sunday 1-7 p.m. shift.

Heather has attracted many fans at her Star job, including some "stalkers."

"These little girls stalk all of the DJ's at Star," Heather said. "They drive around and wave to me all the time and leave mixed CDs on my car."

After graduation, Heather will move to Erie to pursue her radio career. She admits, however, that leaving her "Poodle" image and Titan Radio behind will be difficult.

"It's kind of sad, like the end of an era," Heather said. "I think it's time to move on but I've truly enjoyed my reign here. I've looked forward to serving as Program Director since my freshman year."

Although it won't be long until Heather says goodbye to Titan Radio forever, she offers some advice for the underclass broadcast majors.

"Get involved as soon as you can and as much as possible," she said. "The more you do the better prepared you are."

For now, Heather will continue working towards her dream job of working as a night jock in a Top 40 station in the south. Anyone interested in attending her broadcast capstone presentation on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:10 p.m. is welcome (including stalkers from Erie and anyone who reads *The Holcad*).

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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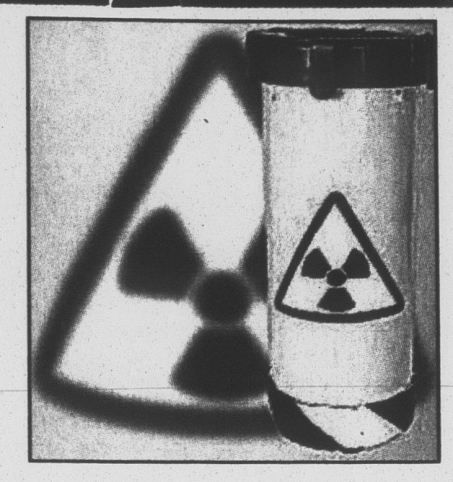

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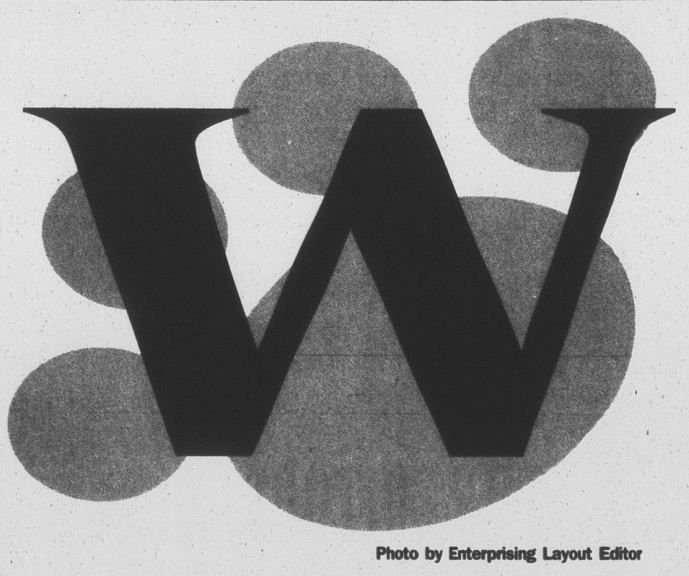
Plutonium on campus?

The deadly element's story, Page A-4



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From England to New Wilmington

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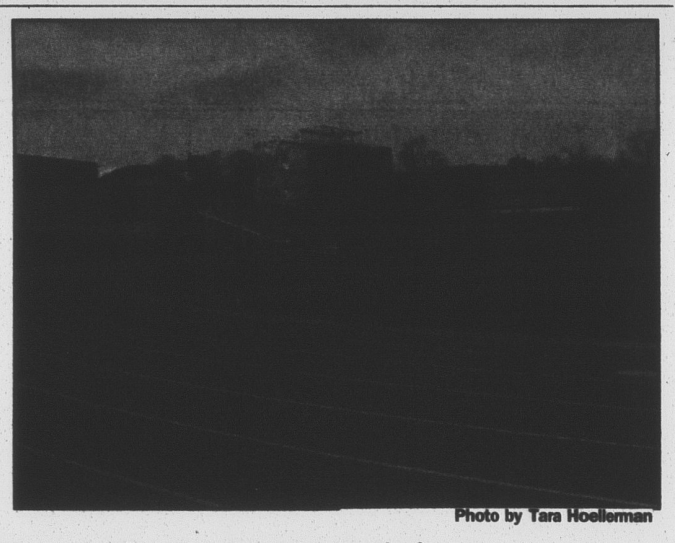

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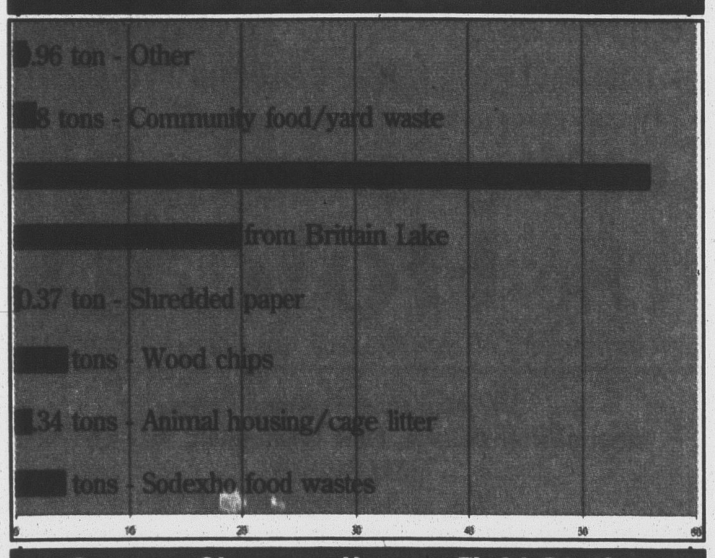
More than WC's tuition-5 years ago

Relay for life runs the good race, aims to raise $24,000, Page A-6

Campus statistic of the week

Tons of composting materials recieved at the Field Station



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Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®

Friday: A p.m. shower or t-storm, 72/53
Saturday: A couple of thunderstorms, 65/45
Sunday: A couple of thunderstorms, 63/42

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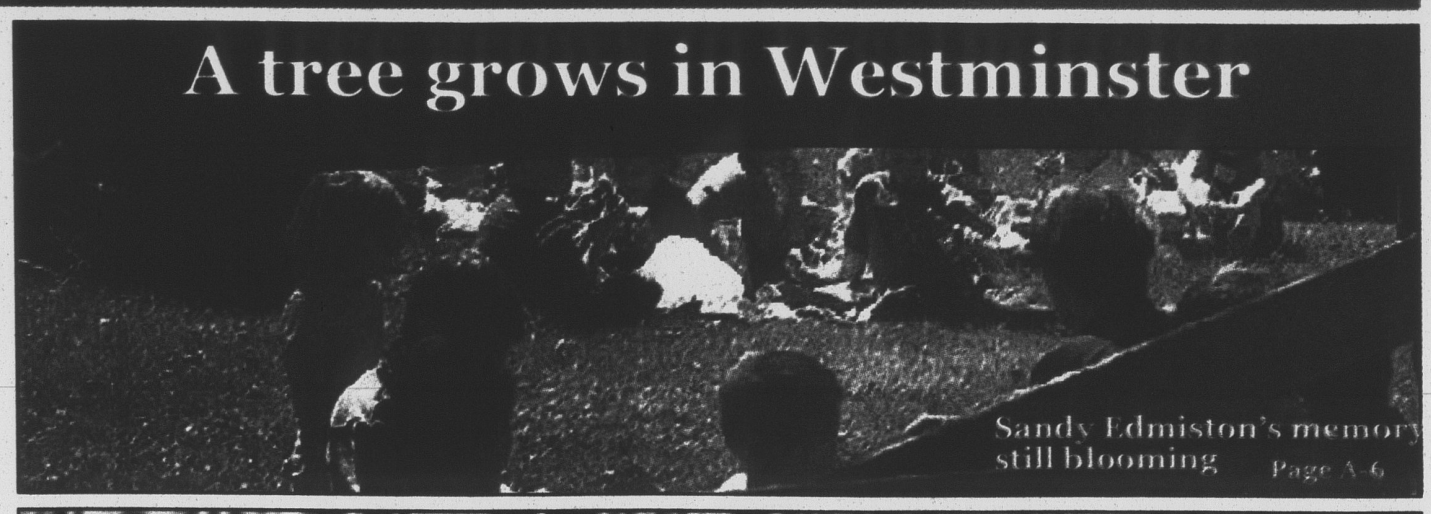

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New weapons policy

MAKING SURE HIT LIST CONTROVERSY DOES NOT REOCCUR

By Christine Line
Campus writer

After the hit list controversy that spawned debate and anger throughout the entire campus, assistant dean of student affairs and public safety John Lechner devised a new weapons policy.

Previously, the student handbook prohibited the "use or possession of a firearm, ammunition, or other dangerous weapon." The new draft of the weapons policy will "prohibit the possession, use, or storage of weapons or dangerous materials of any time on Westminster campus property."

The possession of firearms, pellet guns, soft-air guns, BB guns, compressed air guns, illegal knives, swords, ammunition, explosive devices, fireworks and "any other dangerous or offensive weapon as defined in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Section 908c" will now be illegal on campus. Non-folding knifes designed to be carried in a sheath and a pocket knife longer than 2 ½ inches in length are prohibited under the new policy.

The president's staff will meet to approve the new policy, which will then go to the Board of Trustees in May to make it official. Until then, the residence life staff has been instructed to follow the unofficial policy.

Residence life staff held building meetings to notify students about the situation. No judicial action will be taken for violations until the policy is approved, but students are advised to take home anything "illegal" which may be considered contraband.

Things just are not the same as they used to be 20 years ago, but it is our job to ensure students' safety while they are here...
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Public Safety John Lechner

"Previously, we tried to accommodate students, because we realize entertainment options are limited sometimes," Lechner said.

"Paintball guns are not going to kill you, and students have a lot of fun with them, but now we have to pay attention to the frightened perception of the student body; if something looks dangerous, it can cause fear."

Lechner said his primary concern is to give students a sense of security. He did some research before changing the policy, and he said he knows policies have to change sometimes to meet the needs of society.

"We are living in an ever-changing world, and it does not matter if the changes are good or bad," Lechner said. "Things just are not the same as they used to be 20 years ago, but it is our job to ensure students' safety while they are here, and we are willing to take the necessary steps."

Freshman Larissa Fortna said she has no problem with a new policy, and she thinks students definitely feel a need for it after recent events.

"Many schools, even elementary schools, already have a strict policy in place," Fortna said.

"Even though security can be a little ridiculous at times, I

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The Clarks to play at VolleyRock

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor in chief

It has taken lots of last minute preparation and luck to bring a nationally-known celebrity band to VolleyRock this year: The Clarks.

The Pittsburgh based group looked almost like a no-show according to SIFE president Jordan Hinds.

"I contacted The Clarks for Titan-Fest in September but they were booked," Hinds said. "So, I decided to give it another try."

Luckily, Hinds' additional inquiry panned out. In fact, several students say they are more than shocked that the band is coming. That's because the Clarks haven't made an appearance on campus since the late nineties.

"I just heard that it was a bad reaction from students," senior Tara Hoellerman said. "Something happened and they didn't want to come back here anymore."

Other students claimed that the band was egged. SGA Vice-President and VolleyRock Coordinator Ryan Trunk said those rumors are pure conjecture.

"They did not get egged, or have things thrown at them," Trunk said. "The real story is that students were tired of having them come year after year."

Trunk says he foresees no security problems; in fact, Trunk notes that there will be heightened security for the concert.

"We're gonna hire security guards," Trunk said. "Not only that-but our SGA workers will be on hand to cover crowd control," he added.

Source: www.clarksonline.com

"Better Off Without You," "Cigarette," "Penny on the Track" and "Born too Late" are just some of The Clarks' hits.

Another thing heightened is the cost. To bring The Clarks here, it'll cost more than ten thousand dollars.

But Hinds also says that, for a show of this magnitude, that's not an insane asking price. Typically, the Clarks charge around $25,000.

Trunk believes the cost is

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Forum for your thoughts

Every now and then, the editorial staff invites a member of the campus community to share his or her own experiences involving the college's traditions as another vehicle for perceptive discourse on this leading liberal arts campus. This week, Professor of religion Dr. Kang Na writes about the "Day of Silence."

The silence about the silence

I was born in a remote corner of the world where silence indicates wisdom, maturity, and nobility. Known in the past as the "hermit kingdom," Korea has traditionally nurtured this respect and appreciation of silence, the kind of silence that the word "silence" cannot pretend to be able to express. Since immigrating to the US, I have had to adjust to a more word-filled world. Perhaps that may explain in part why I am so interested in the study of language and interpretation. So, then, what have I to say about the Day of Silence, which is on April 26 this year?

I have observed the Day of Silence in the past by wearing a purple ribbon in support of its ideals and in support of those whose voices and stories have been quiet(ed), if not absent, for much of our history. According to the official Day of Silence Web site (dayofsilence.org), my wearing the purple ribbon was to "recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment—in effect, the silencing—experienced by LGBT students and their allies." This spirit of respect for the humanity of human beings is a sine qua non of my life and endeavors. This same spirit is the reason for my support of the ideals of Westminster's Jeans Day. It is also why I supported the well performed play "The Laramie Project" at Westminster a few years ago (Nov 2003). The tragedy of Matthew Shepherd covered in that play, is one worthy of being called a tragedy, indicating the occasionally ignominious character of our (in)humanity. But what about Jesse Dirkhising? Who among us has ever heard of him? Why are there no plays telling the story of his tragedy? Why have the national media been so very silent about him? Is there a silence of another type?

Apparently, just as some animals are more equal than others, some silences are more acceptable than others. In our world of mass media production and consumption, I could understand the deafening silence concerning the tragedy of Jesse Dirkhising. I expect that all media are biased, like all human endeavors. But I would be remiss not to goad our community of critical thinkers to think critically on that media silence. In an often cynical arena of academic sophistication, where seasoned thinkers train young minds to think outside their boxes, read between the lines, and suspect ideologies and propaganda lurking behind seemingly innocent advertisements, fairy tales, conventional mores, use of masculine pronouns, political speeches, etc.—all of which are good components of our education—I wonder if many of us professors have grossly missed the mark through our negligence of practicing what we teach, Our acquaintance and sympathy with Matthew Shepherd's plight and our strange ignorance and apathy regarding Jesse Dirkhising seem to substantiate my suspicion that critical thinking hasn't been critical enough.

We at fair Westminster have intellectual mastery and savvy enough to know that news is rarely news. I note this every time I see TV commercials about what will be covered on the following day's news program. Although sometimes enticing, they merely remind me how much news is intentionally and meticulously produced rather than reported. We critical thinkers in academia have known for quite some time that news, in most case, is in fact not news; news is mostly spin. A case in point: according to one reckoning, after the shocking news of Matthew Shepherd's tragedy, there were over three thousand stories in the national media about the incident. In contrast, there were only forty-six stories among the same media on Jesse Dirkhising's tragedy.

That the thirteen year old's tragic death in September 1999 (almost a year after Matthew Shepherd's death) has been blamed on two homosexual men and that he died after sexual abuse were perhaps too politically incorrect to report. Apparently it was not news that was fit to print in the New York Times. But why is it that much of the media seems to have judged it news-un-worthy? Was it that homosexuals should be depicted by the media only as victims of evildoers, never as evildoers? But are not homosexuals just as human as any other human beings, thereby also just as capable of the malice and harm to others as heterosexuals who do abominable, deplorable things? Why can't we see all human beings as just that, as human beings?

Perhaps some silences are indeed more equal than others. But would it be too unreasonable in cases like that of Jesse Dirkhising to propose that no silence regarding any dehumanization should be acceptable? Whereas we rightly express indignation over what happened to Matthew Shepherd, there is a strange, almost sinister silence about what happened to Jesse Dirkhising. That silence bothers me. It should bother all of us. Righteous anger is only righteous if it is justly felt and expressed for all human beings. So, why is it that we are informed enough to cry out on behalf of Matthew Shepherd, but are so ignorant and so, so silent about Jesse Dirkhising? Why have the media been so silent about the latter? And why should we be so silent about that media silence? How long will we tolerate our ignominious ignorance of the ignominious silence about the Jesse Dirkhisings of the world? Perhaps the Day of Silence isn't silent enough.

Respectfully submitted,
Kang Na

Student Satisfaction Survey

A chance to make your thoughts and opinions known

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

So, you've heard my opinions on this school. Do you think I'm being fair or unfair? Am I blowing a lot of this stuff out of proportion or am I actually right? Okay, here's the real question. Are you happy with the way things are run at this school?

You've spent the entire year reading my rants on the school. Well, you've spent at least this week reading my rants. To those of you who are reading this for the first time, I just want to say this: Hello! How are you today?

Anyway, I digress. What you should do is put down *The Holcad* and check your e-mail. There's a link to the student satisfaction survey there. And if you don't do take a few minutes to complete it, I'll probably punch your dog.

Okay, not really. I like dogs. I'm not going to go around and start punching them just because you weren't smart enough to fill out the survey. It's not fair to the dogs at all.

The survey has a few areas to look at, everything from satisfaction with the Galbreath dining services to your thoughts on the career center, classroom and lab facilities, and the college administrators. Each section has two drop down menus titled importance and fulfilled, and one section for you to put whatever comments you want in it. I enjoy that we can submit comments. At least we're not just feeding them the same generic pre-prepared comments that they always get.

I'm really happy that we got a survey in the first place. It really gives the students a chance to let their opinions known. Really, how often do we get a chance to let everyone know just how you feel? Uh, I mean, how often do you guys get a chance to let everyone know just how you feel? I sort of vomit opinions every week in this paper.

I do hear a lot of complaining going on about this school. I hear it in class, in the TUB, walking around campus, and even as people walk past my window as I'm trying to sleep. This is your chance to get your complaints and praises out there. If you have ever wanted something changed, this is your chance.

If you do not submit this survey back to student affairs with your thoughts, then you have no right to complain. If you're not going to take the time to actually try to make this place a little bit better, then get out of my school. If anything bothers me, it's the people who complain and complain and then never step forward when they're finally given a chance to do something.

Why are you still reading this? Go submit the survey already. Oh, and as long as I'm being demanding, give me a cookie. Chocolate chip, preferably.

The survey is at http://www.westminster.edu/student/sss_survey.cfm. Fill it out today!

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. No matter what he does, he simply can't rid himself of the curse of black shirt. It just keeps coming back to haunt him.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Unruly Eichenauer residents not being disciplined enough by residence life staff

I hate to have to be blunt about this; however, the disciplinary problems in Eichenauer have gotten out of hand. I am sure that many of you have heard about how the residents of Eich were woken up not once, but twice very early last Sunday morning [*ed: 4-9*] by fire alarms. These were the result of a prank pulled on one of the co-editors of this fine newspaper.

These fire alarms one just one example of the unruly behavior that certain Eich residents have exhibited this year.

This behavior is occurring largely for one reason: the negligence of Residence Life staff. Even though I do not mean this letter as an attack on each individual RA in Eich, it seems that they are not doing enough in disciplining some students living there.

The most frequent misbehavior which has been exhibited in Eich this year has been the large amount of partying that takes place every night, resulting in those Eich residents who actually want to sleep being limited to a three-hour quota.

As they do this, they violate three Residence Life policies. First, by staying up until three in the morning partying, they violate quiet hours, which require that any noise be kept to a minimum so that students can obtain enough sleep to be productive the next day. In addition, many of these parties involve the consumption of alcohol, as evidenced by the large amount of beer cans usually present in the recycling bin across from my room. And finally, the students hosting the parties in Eich often invite their girlfriends, who stay in the rooms well past the 11:59 p.m. curfew.

These behaviors are taking place in Eich because RA's do not discipline the people in their hallways enough, largely because they often are not present in the hallways. And when they are, they are so lax about enforcement that one RA has told me that it is okay to drink alcoholic beverages as long as they put the cans in the recycling bin. It is no wonder that some Eich residents think it is okay to commit acts such as making hit lists and vandalizing the lobby, to name two misbehaviors that have occurred in Eich this year. I hope that whoever will be an RA in Eich next year keeps this letter in mind so that they do not commit the same mistakes the RA's this year have made.

Jeff Ammons
Junior

The Holcad recieved a massive response to the recent YPS-related articles and letters to the editors. We plan on running these responses next week.

TELLIN' IT LIKE IT IS
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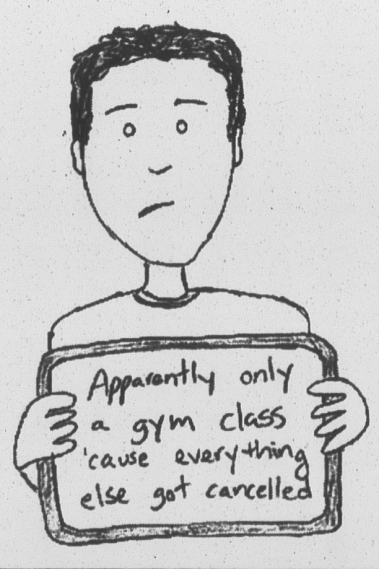
Question of the Week

What classes are you taking next semester?



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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Bewildered Wild Turkey Draws Crowd

A wild turkey attracted small crowds of students, staff and faculty at Westminster College Monday morning in front of Thompson Clark Hall. The bird appeared to have some ruffled feathers as it kept its distance behind the shrubbery. Students whipped out the camera cell phones to e-mail friends and family the unique site. Some in the crowd wondered if the turkey was injured by flying into a window. Others remarked it may have roamed on campus after colliding with a car on a nearby road.

Westminster Hosts 900 for Science Olympiad

After holding the Northwest Regional Science Olympiad for nearly twenty years, Westminster College recently hosted it's last Science Olympiad. 900 high school and middle school students flooded the campus to put their science skills to the test.

Ripped from the Wire

Regional

Couple sues, saying adoption was denied because they're white

Trans-racial adoption denied

WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) - A couple whose application to adopt their foster child was rejected is suing in federal court, alleging that Chester County denied their request because they are white and the child is black.

"We just love this child and we want to keep him," said Susan Borelly, who is suing along with her husband, Randall. "Unfortunately (the discrimination) is so obvious. It's a sin in 2006 it is such an issue."

The 3-year-old boy had been living with the Borellys from May 24, 2004, until last Wednesday, when he was removed in what Randall Borelly described as a traumatic scene.

The county Department of Children, Youth and Families denied the Borellys' attempts to adopt the child earlier this year. The Borellys, who had adopted Susan Borelly's 11-year-old niece in January, said the agency cited a policy prohibiting families from adopting more than one child per year. But their lawyer, Samuel C. Stretton, disputed that.

"This statement was a pretext to avoid placing (the 3-year-old) in a trans-racial home," Stretton wrote in court papers, adding that the county has no such policy in writing.

James L. Forsythe, executive director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families and one of the defendants in the lawsuit, said last week that race is considered when his agency is looking for adoptive parents. But he said it is never a determining factor in the decision of where to place a child.

The Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth and Families released a statement last week saying the county followed correct procedures.

International

Leader praises Alcoa's planned smelter, though some are concerned

Alcoa proposes Trinidad as site for new smelter

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) - Alcoa Inc.'s proposed $1.5 billion aluminum smelter will boost the economy and be environmentally safe, Trinidad's prime minister said Tuesday.

The Pittsburgh-based company's modern smelter technology will keep emissions of fluorides and other pollutants at levels safe for people and wildlife, Prime Minister Patrick Manning said at the annual general meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago.

Environmental lobbyist Petra Bridgemohan challenged Manning's comments, saying he was not a specialist in the field.

"It's not new technology and the emissions are no less risky to the public health," Bridgemohan said.

The smelter, planned for Cap-de-Ville in southwest Trinidad, will produce 375,888 tons of aluminum annually and employ 750 to 800 workers. The company has signed a preliminary deal with the government to own and operate the smelter for 30 years.

The Alcoa project was the second proposed aluminum smelter for the two-island Caribbean nation of 1.3 million people.

Trinidad's government has also signed on with Venezuelan company Sural to build a proposed aluminum smelter in La Brea, in southern Trinidad. The holding company would be called Alutrint, with the Trinidadian government controlling 60 percent and Sural 40 percent.

The proposed smelters were awaiting final approval from the country's environmental regulator, said Manning. He added he was confident both would be built.

"If we want to build a modern industrial state, we must develop iron, steel and aluminum technology," he said.

Alcoa, the world's largest aluminum producer, has said it hopes to start construction sometime next year.

The project, which includes building a power plant at the smelter site that would use 5 percent of Trinidad's natural gas, has faced some opposition from area residents who say it will destroy their community.

Trinidad and Tobago is one of the wealthiest countries in the Caribbean, relying on oil and gas for more than 25 percent of its gross domestic product.

Interplanetary

Possible 10th planet is only slightly larger than Pluto

Status of new planet doubted

LOS ANGELES (AP) - An icy ball discovered last year in the outer solar system is only slightly larger than Pluto, casting doubt on previous estimates that the so-called 10th planet was significantly larger, scientists reported Tuesday.

Previous estimates by ground-based telescopes suggested the object known as 2003 UB313 was 30 percent bigger than Pluto.

But the latest measurement by the Hubble Space Telescope has a smaller margin of error and is probably a more accurate estimate, said lead researcher Michael Brown of the California Institute of Technology.

According to Hubble, UB313's diameter measures 1,490 miles, +- 60 miles. Pluto is about 1,422 miles across.

Brown previously reported that UB313 could be up to 2,175 miles in diameter based on its brightness. He said he was surprised by Hubble's findings, which will be published in an upcoming issue of Astrophysical Journal.

The discovery of UB313, which Brown nicknamed Xena, reinvigorated the debate about what is considered a planet. Some astronomers have questioned whether Pluto should keep its planetary status, while others say UB313 should be the 10th planet because it is bigger than Pluto.

The International Astronomical Union, which oversees the naming of planets, has not taken a stance on the issue.

If it is determined to be the 10th planet, UB313 would be the farthest-known body in the solar system.

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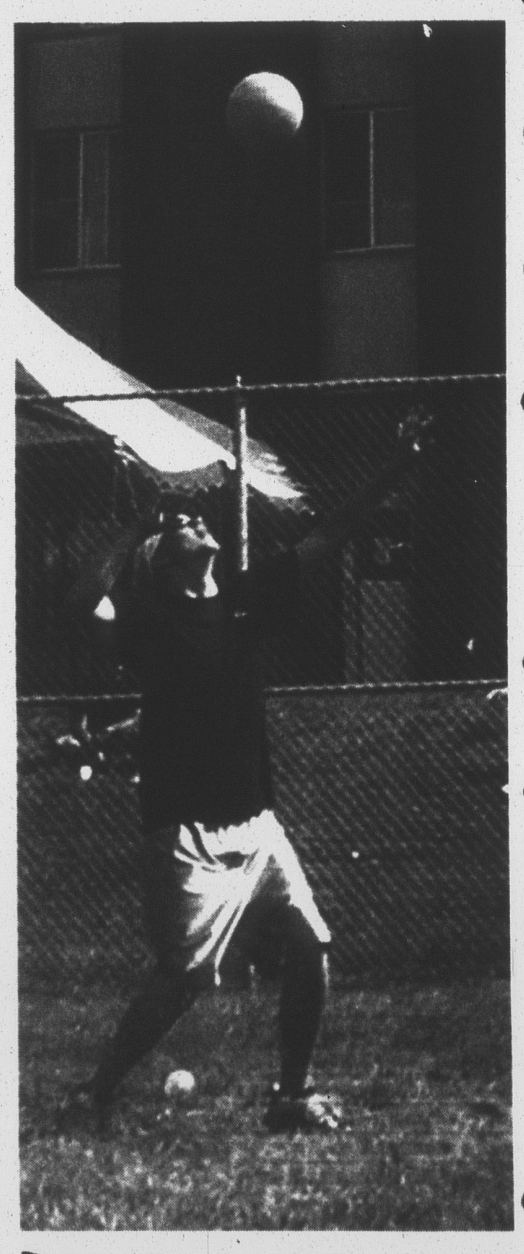


Campus News

Show me the money

Undergraduate research has monetary support

By Jaimee Davis
Campus writer

Many students don't know that there is money available for undergraduate research.

The Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning has funding for students who would be doing an independent study, Capstone research, honors research, or creative projects. Funding is also available for students who have started research and want to continue it.

According to Drinko Center promotional materials, "The mission of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is to enrich undergraduate education by engaging students in collaborative research with faculty, by enhancing the Westminster 'capstone' experience, by incorporating academically meaningful community service into the curricula, and by participating in collaborations that address community and regional needs, including strengthening K-12 education."

According to Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology and director of the Drinko Center, the goals of the Drinko Center are not limited to the above-mentioned four.

"These are just the starting points," Tomlinson said. "I want students to know that funding is available for them to do research and to present their research off-campus."

Students who want to apply for Drinko Center funding should check their R: drives. In the R: drive is a folder called "Drinko Center," which leads to two .pdf files called "Research Grant Deadlines" and "Travel Presentation Grants." Each file includes deadline information and explicit directions for filling out a research grant application or an application to present research off-campus.

Before applying, students need to have a budget of the money they will need to finish their research and a solid idea of their project.

According to the Research Grants Application Guidelines, students can receive up to $300 for a research project, but they can also apply in groups. A group of students can receive up to $600 in funding. Students need a faculty mentor or adviser, and if they receive the award, they must present their research at the Undergraduate Research Symposium during the year of their grant.

The Drinko Center is also interested in helping students to present research. Information on ways to get funding to present research is available on the R: drive.

Undergraduate research is not the only positive aspect of the Drinko Center. In the 2006-2007 school year, a Service Learning Faculty Fellows Program will be put into place.

"This program will integrate service-learning into classes," Tomlinson said. "Some professors may require students to do service work in their classes. It is not required, but it is an option. There is evidence to show that service deepens learning."

I want students to know that funding is available for them to do research and to present their research off-campus."
Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, director of Drinko Center

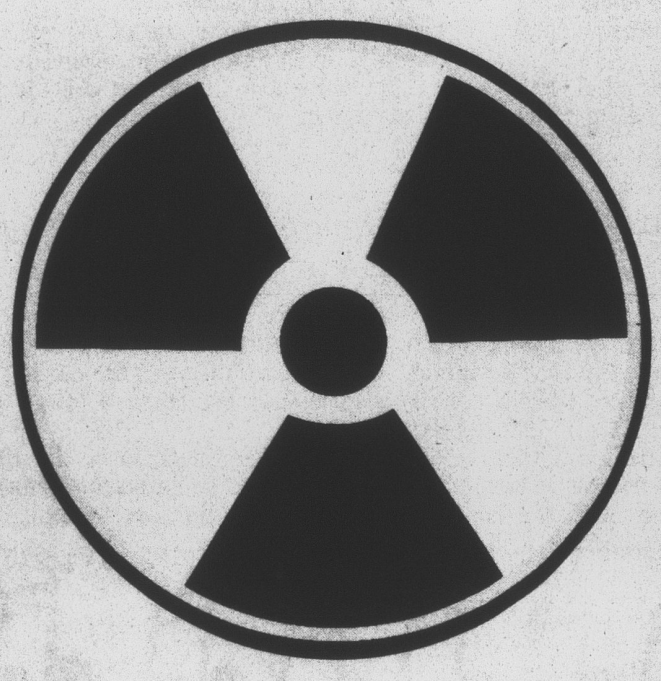
According to a "Call for Participation" sheet given to faculty members, a group of 6-8 faculty members will be Service-Learning Faculty Fellows for 2006-2007. These faculty members will receive a stipend of $1,000 and will participate in several workshops throughout the summer and academic year. These workshops are to teach the faculty members how to include service-learning in the classroom and to help train other faculty members to do the same.

The Drinko Center will also be offering summer workshops in an effort to reach out to the community. Through generous support of the Grable and Resch Foundations, the Drinko Center will be able to offer a summer music and performing arts camp as well as an early intervention program for students in the Campbell, Ohio school district.

"The sky's the limit with the Drinko Center," Tomlinson said. "I'm excited for the possibilities that exist for it."

PLUTONIUM ALERT

THE DEADLY ELEMENT ONCE CAME CLOSE TO CAMPUS



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Our college turned down the government's offer of a little bit of plutonium.

By Ben Knauff
Campus writer

Plutonium: the unstable element, usually formed as a byproduct of uranium in nuclear reactors, is widely considered to be dangerous; even fatally so.

It is curious then, that the US government once sent out samples of the volatile substance to many colleges, who willingly accepted it to perform experiments.

Dr. Floyd Zehr, who works with the Science in Motion department, stated that Westminster never received plutonium, but that it had been considering the option.

"Various sources got plutonium through the Environmental Protection Agency," Zehr said.

According to Zehr, one of the institutions that received plutonium was nearby Geneva College, located in Beaver Falls. Professor John P. Schaefer, a long-tenured member of the Geneva physics department, was at the college when this government program was taking place.

"We received the source on loan from the Atomic Energy Commission, which no longer exists," Schaefer said.

According to Schaefer, Geneva actually received americium (a substance closely related to plutonium) in 1966. Several procedures were carried out for the protection of students and faculty at the college. The americium was sealed in a stainless steel capsule, which was then put in a metal canister filled with paraffin wax. Paraffin contains hydrogen, which can absorb neutrons emitted by plutonium. This absorption creates a new, stable element called deuterium.

In addition, helium is formed during the decay of americium, resulting in a build-up of pressure within the containment capsule. The capsule had to be checked for leakage by a licensed health physicist every three months. Anyone who was around the capsule had to wear a film badge, which was checked regularly for evidence of abnormal radiation. Also, a neutron detector was required to survey the radiation area.

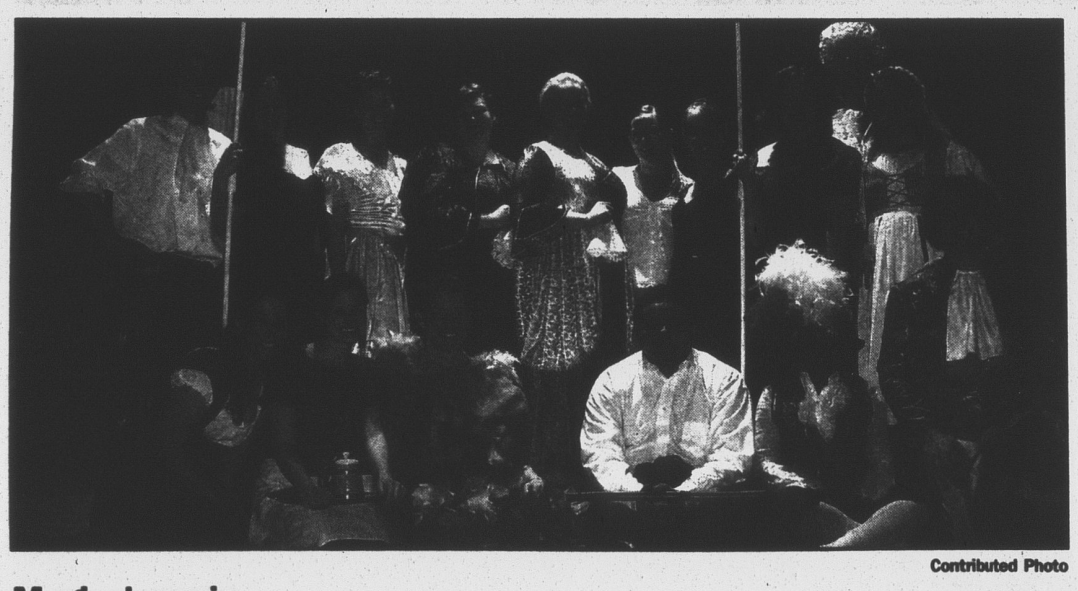
Schaefer also stated that the main goal of the project at Geneva College was not to make new discoveries.

"The main emphasis of the project was to give students experience with measuring half-lives and quantities of radioactive materials," he said.

Eventually, cheaper ways of doing this became available, and the project, which cost the college about $3000 a month in today's dollars, was discontinued in 1976.

Recently, plutonium left over from former government labs has been linked to abnormal cancer rates in surrounding areas. Physics department Chairman Dr. Sam Lightner disagrees, stating that the risk is negligible. According to Lightner, even the carbon in our bodies radiates, so it is unlikely that residual plutonium found in trees could be that harmful. It is interesting to note that radiation accused of causing cancer is also used to treat it.

"[Plutonium] is kind of a double-edged sword," Lightner said.



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Magical music

The cast of this semester's opera, *Magically Mozart*, **poses for a picture during dress rehearsal. The show is 7:30, Friday April 21 at 7:30 PM in Orr Auditorium. Come and be a part of the magic.**

SGA Notes

SGA minutes 4-20

* SGA day is tomorrow April 21, donuts, give-aways, etc
* Jumbo's A Little Bit of Everything opened by Laundromat in town
* Two new E-Bay businesses were built in town
* $0 was allocated to Tri Beta to cover Conference expenses, one person opposed
* $243.20 was allocated to the Equestrian team to compensate for expenses for the 2006 IHSA horse show, no one opposed
* Hannah Colabrese was elected as student representative to evaluate senior speeches

Weapons

Not allowed

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do not have a problem with a new policy if it makes students feel safer."

Sophomore Lindsay Crist agrees that strict policies are definitely needed in schools today.

"I believe that a no weapons policy was a long time coming," Crist said.

"I'm actually surprised there was not one in the first place. I think that people should feel safer knowing that if a situation does arise again, it will be taken care of instead of being overlooked."

Clarks

Appearance probable

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what is making their appearance a possibility.

"It wouldn't happen if it wasn't for charity- The Clarks wouldn't have lowered their price." Trunk said.

And in fact, the proceeds from the VolleyRock concert, officially named "SIFE AID," will go towards benefiting outreach communities.

Still, the Clarks' appearance is not a sure bet. As of Wednesday, Trunk says SGA still doesn't have a signed contract.

But Hinds isn't worried. He says this concert is shaping up to be one of the biggest college events this year. "We would finally get a band people have heard of- which is what they have been asking for," Hines said.

The event begins at seven PM on Friday May fifth in the Anderson Amphit-heatre.

OOPS!

The Holcad **sincerely apologizes for leaving out the last sentence in Ray and Ben's guest opinion piece on library hours. It reads as follows:**

Now, THAT would be the day! But for now, students should voice their disappointment with the administration's position and support SGA's upcoming resolution to extend library hours.

Also, the LaGrotta article was not written by Joe Knott, Bill Quigley penned the piece.

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MORE NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMPUS

Standing on hind legs

Dog show 'begs' for recognition

By Ashley Beaver
Campus writer

And the award goes to.... the dogs?

The Holcad will be presenting the first Westminster Dog Show at VolleyRock, Saturday May 6 from 1- 3 p.m.

Kathryn Larson, creator of the dog show, said more than 30 applicants have entered their dogs to win various categories such as "Best in Show"..Several activities for the dog show include obstacle courses, puppy pools, training tips and grooming experts. Doggy treats and prizes such as grooming, food, obedience lessons will be given throughout the day. The dog show is free and open to the public.

"Our goal is to make at least $100 to benefit the Lawrence County Humane Society," Larson said. "The Humane Society will also be bringing wonderful dogs, all available for adoption."

There are several people working make this a "dogtastic day." *The Holcad,* SGA, Titan Radio and Alpha Phi Omega are sponsoring the event. Titan Radio will broadcast live from the site.

The vice president of SGA, junior Ryan Trunk, is in charge of all VolleyRock activities. He is excited about working with other student organizations to increase more campus involvement.

"We liked the idea because it was part of our platform to get other student organizations involved with SGA and to have as many students actively involved as possible," Trunk said. "It will enhance the experience of the students already signed up."

For the "Best in show" category, each dog will have a jar in the TUB. The winner will be chosen by the greatest amount of money. All donations will benefit the Lawrence County Humane Society. The other category winners will be chosen by three Humane Society board members and announced at VolleyRock.

Larson, also co-editor of *The Holcad,* wanted to have an event to benefit a great cause and bring the campus together to "breed some goodwill". She chose the day of VolleyRock because the entire campus gets very excited and involved.

"Besides Volleyrock, we don't really have anything that brings the campus together," Larson said. "Dogs make everyone happy so the campus would have a great giving spirit."

Allison Chlebowski, a sophomore elementary education major, entered her dog, Dozer as a finalist for "Best in Show."

"I love watching dog shows and we always joke at my house that we should enter him," Chlebowski said. "As soon as I saw it, I knew Dozer had to win."

Chlebowski also believes that since many people actually stay on campus for that weekend, it will create more awareness for the adopting pets at the Humane Society.

"There are so many pets that need good homes," Chlebowski said. "Since VolleyRock includes many activities, the dog show will just be another added feature for the students."

Larson would love to see this event continue on campus, especially during VolleyRock.

"After I'm gone, I would love for this to become an annual tradition at VolleyRock that students really get excited for," Larson said.

Dogs can still be entered and shown for the campus' pleasure at VolleyRock. Donations for food and prizes are encouraged to contact *The Holcad.* Volunteers are also needed.

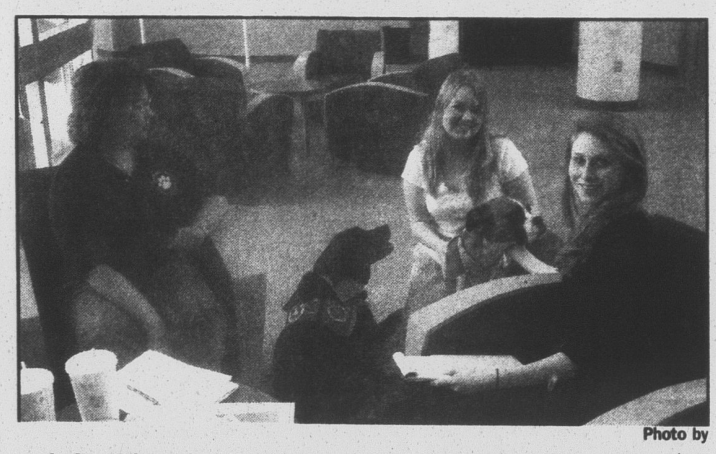
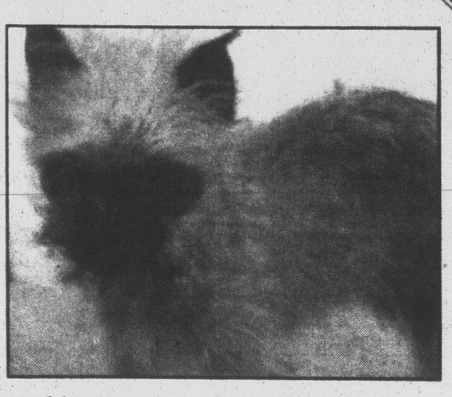


Photo by

Lois Winters of the Lawrence County Humane Society shares her kanine friends with Amy Sasfai and Kathryn Larson

This is my dog, Red. He was the first of 9 pups born, but he spent his first whole day outside in the cold and rain. We found him outside, after we thought our dog only had 8. I spent that evening blow drying him and feeding him with a baby bottle until he got better. He also got in a fight with a porcupine! He's been through a lot of tough days, but he is the sweetest dog in the world.



Look familiar? He's a Brussels Griffon, the same breed from "As Good As It Gets." This 4 ½ lb. puppy enjoys army crawling, cuddling, and attacking stuffed animals twelve times his own size. He makes friends wherever he goes, including Student Affairs with Camille, Beth and Kathy. He is impossible to catch, unless he is ready to go to sleep in your arms. He's brought lots of love and laughs to my home in the past couple of months since he became a member of our family. He's my baby!

This is Buddy. Buddy is a real class act. He always greets you at the door and sits politely in his booster seat at the kitchen table while everyone is eating. Buddy is just a fiesty little guy with a big personality.

Bogey, my nine year old Keeshond, loves doing all the traditional tricks but goes beyond by: playing "dead" responding to "bang you're dead", "talking", "dancing" and folding his paws to "pray". Preferring his dinner moist, he uses his nose to add water and stirs. Bogey would be the perfect Westminster Dog show winner, embodying everything you would want in a "man's best friend".

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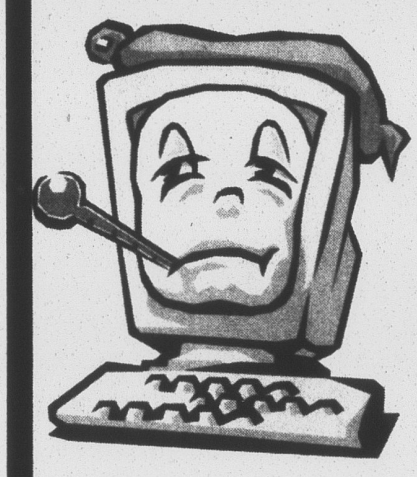

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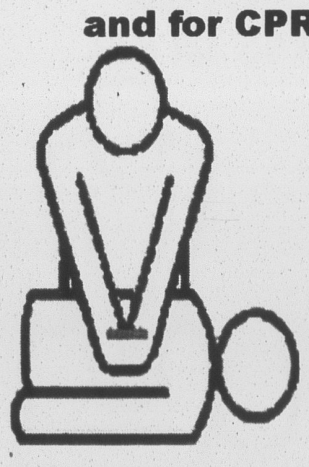

Classes Held at
The Field House Classrooms
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Cost
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CPR Professional Rescuer $35.00
For registration information contact
Coach Klamut at x7315 or email klamutrg
Registration for the CPR classes close
at 3:30 P.M. April 27

Campus News

ARBOR DAY BECOMES SANDY DAY AT WESTMINSTER

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

Imagine using the leftovers of the food you consume, the paper you throw away regularly, and the branches you break under your feet on the sidewalk to not only help save money for the community, but to recycle, in a very beneficial way that sustains the natural environment surrounding you. Clarence Harms, Director of the Field Station since 1983, does just this on a daily basis.

"The most important parts of what I do there would relate to people," Harms said, "My favorites are children, because of the excitement and glint I see in their eyes."

Harms has been involved with composting at the Field Station for twenty years, but the serious work and initiative came in July of last year. Undertakings had increased dramatically in both time and volume since he first began composting. Since receiving a $90,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that he applied for to assist with the various tasks at the field station, composting runs much smoother.

"The grant provides money for a tractor, machinery to turn the compost and supplies, such as chemical test kits," Harms said.

Harms admits that composting is very labor intensive and takes up most of his time at the Field Station. After the collected compost is dumped into the tractor, it needs to be hand-sorted in order to discard that which cannot be used. It then takes about four to six months for the "compostables" to turn into good soil. The compost is then run through a machine and surprisingly lacks any odor when finished.

"I like to be outdoors and work with machinery," Harms said, "I grew up on the farm."

Compost that is collected at the Field Station can be used for four different purposes. First, a good part of it will be used for soil conditioning during the tree planting program that will take place during the last week of April in memory of Sandy Edmiston.

Second, the compost is used in order to maintain other parts of the Biology Field that need restoration.

Third, "starting next fall, we will bring compost back onto the main campus for the top dressing of trees," Harms said. The compost will provide nutrients for the roots that the current woodchips fail to supply.

Finally, if the compost needed for the aforementioned purposes exceeds the amount that can be reasonably used, it will be given away or sold to members of the community.

Natural Endeavors

"IF all is right within you, if you have enthusiasm, if you have curiosity, if you take it all as a great adventure, just see what you can do about it while you are here"

-Mandy Murie

One of the main reason Harms' work is extremely beneficial to the campus community lies in the fact that it saves the college funds used on the disposal of waste. Currently, it costs the college $78 a ton to dispose of solid waste.

"Recycling and composting do have an economic effect," Harms said, "It's a good cause and it does save the college and borough some money."

Additionally, Harms is saving the borough of New Wilmington money during the fall through collecting piles of leaves on the streets. He does this without charge for compost substance, whereas the borough normally must pay to have the leaves taken away.

Although not exactly sure what the total economic impact has been in the past and will be after compost is used as a replacement for woodchips around campus, Harms believes the economic benefits are somewhat substantial.

The location for community drop-off of compostables is directly in front of the Field Station on Fayette-New Wilmington Road, east of the campus. Students and faculty may drop-off at this location or at a solid waste compactor located on the road that branches off of Hoyt circle going toward the practice football field.

Because of all of the hard work involved in composting, the field station is always in need of volunteers.

"It's always more fun if two people can come [to help out] rather than one," Harms said.

During the fall semester, four students from the Chemistry department came over regularly to assist Harms with his composting endeavors.

Harms usually works on composting Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and suggests giving him a call (724.946.8520) or emailing him at harmsc@westminster.edu if you would like to set up a time when you could volunteer or would like more information.

Additionally, Harms asks students and members of the community to drop off any stones they find for use in the labyrinth and rock sculpture that are now being designed and constructed in memory of Sandy Edmiston.

"The size of stones must be about 10 to12 inches in diameter and can be of any color and shape," Harms said, "They must be natural stones that have come to rest after having been pushed around and burnished by the brut forces of nature."

Photography by Tara Hoellerman

WHAT: Come plant a seedling for Sandy Edmiston

WHEN: Week of April 24th thru 30th
Monday-Friday: 9 – 5 p.m.
Saturday: until 12 p.m.
Sunday: after 1 p.m.

WHERE: Field Station located on Fayette-New Wilmington Rd.

Relay for Life — High hopes to reach the $24,000 goal

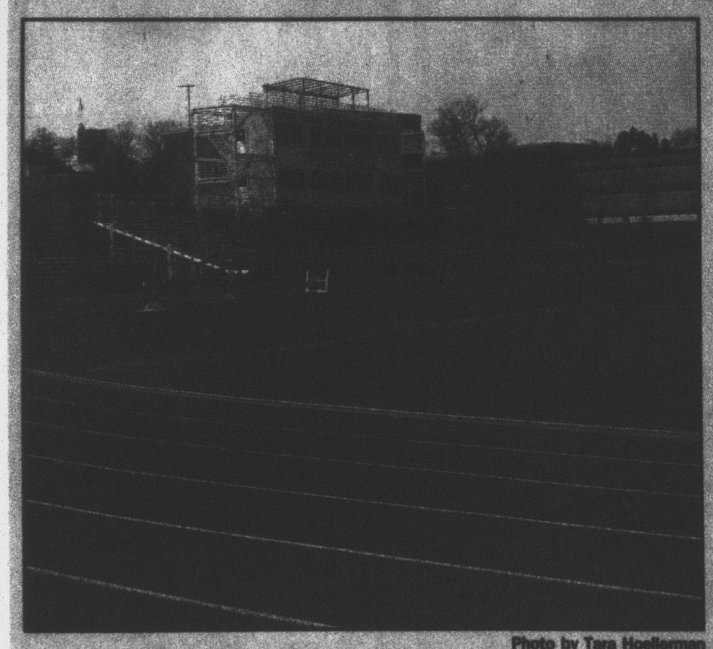

Photo by Tara Hoellerman

By Clarissa Hunter and Leanne Veres
Campus writers

April 8 was a windy Saturday, but that didn't stop the Relay For Life from taking place at Burry Stadium to raise money for cancer research.

This year marked the eighth annual event at the campus. The goal was to raise $24,000 to go to the American Cancer Society. The event began at ten a.m. and lasted until ten at night, with fireworks ending the day. Food and hot chocolate were available for the walkers, and luminaries were sold all day in an effort to spell out "Hope" on the bleachers at the field. According to President Williamson, Relay for Life is always tremendously successful.

"Relay for Life is a great day on campus," Williamson said. "It was started by three students who walked into my office about eight and a half years ago and said they would like to do something to raise money for the cancer society."

This year the American Cancer Society and Alpha Sigma Phi, who helps organize the event, decided to do something different for the walkers. They made the survivor's walk two laps instead of one, which is what it was in previous years. The first lap was everyone who had survived cancer and the second lap was survivors and everyone that helped them through the process.

For the Relay, teams between eight and 15 people take turns running or walking around the track for 12 straight hours. New Wilmington Mayor Wendell Wagner says the walking is for a good cause.

"I think anything we can do to raise money for cancer research or for the cancer society is well worth it," Wagner said.

There was a large amount of money when it was last counted, but some is still coming in.

"We raised $22,000," junior Quay Rosengarth said. "Money is still rolling in and can still be collected."

One team member feels Relay for Life is very important.

"I got into a group because of the organizations that I am in decided to do it," sophomore Suzanne McGuire said. "It was very important to me because many of my relatives and friends have died or are fighting cancer."

Donating to the American Cancer Society is still possible online at www.acsevents.org/westminstercollegerelay or by contacting the American Cancer Society.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday						
	High	High 66	High 63	High 63	High 67	High 58	High 54
	Low	Low 45	Low 42	Low 39	Low 47	Low 32	Low 31
	A p.m. shower or t-storm	A couple of thunderstorms	A couple of thunderstorms	A shower possible	Chance of a shower	A couple of showers possible	Partial sunshine

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:33 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Saturday	6:32 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Sunday	6:30 a.m.	8:09 p.m.
Monday	6:29 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Tuesday	6:28 a.m.	8:12 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	3:23 a.m.	12:48 p.m.
Saturday	3:57 a.m.	2:05 p.m.
Sunday	4:26 a.m.	3:23 p.m.
Monday	4:51 a.m.	4:39 p.m.
Tuesday	5:15 a.m.	5:56 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 27	May 5	May 13	May 20

Weather History

Several hundred people died when flooding reached the Mississippi Delta in Louisiana on April 21, 1927. The flood forced 500,000 residents from their homes.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	70	51	t	68	44	t	63	44	t	67	42	pc	64	39	pc
Butler, PA	70	53	t	68	44	t	64	42	t	63	40	pc	67	38	pc
Cambridge, OH	73	54	t	71	45	t	63	42	t	70	42	pc	73	40	pc
Canton, OH	71	51	t	68	45	t	62	42	t	65	42	pc	65	39	pc
Cincinnati, OH	74	50	t	72	46	pc	72	45	t	72	46	t	70	44	sh
Clarion, PA	70	50	t	64	44	r	60	41	t	63	38	pc	62	34	pc
Clarksburg, WV	76	56	t	70	45	t	64	43	t	70	46	pc	73	43	pc
Cleveland, OH	71	53	t	64	46	pc	59	43	t	62	42	pc	63	39	pc
Columbus, OH	72	51	sh	71	47	pc	68	45	t	70	47	pc	69	43	pc
Cumberland, MD	69	51	t	63	47	t	63	44	t	66	43	pc	66	40	pc
Erie, PA	71	52	t	63	44	r	58	41	t	60	43	pc	60	43	pc
Franklin, PA	70	51	t	64	45	r	60	41	t	62	39	pc	63	35	pc
Greensburg, PA	74	53	t	67	48	t	65	44	t	67	44	pc	65	41	pc
Greenville, PA	71	53	t	65	44	t	60	41	t	62	39	pc	65	36	pc
Grove City, PA	70	53	t	67	44	t	61	42	t	62	40	pc	66	37	pc
Hagerstown, MD	69	51	t	65	47	r	69	45	t	71	48	pc	73	48	pc
Indiana, PA	73	55	t	65	46	t	61	44	t	66	44	pc	65	42	pc
Jamestown, NY	70	50	pc	61	43	r	59	40	t	60	39	pc	60	35	pc
Kittanning, PA	71	53	t	68	46	t	62	43	t	67	43	pc	66	41	pc
Lisbon, OH	71	51	t	67	45	t	61	42	t	63	41	pc	64	38	pc
Mansfield, OH	72	50	t	68	44	pc	62	42	t	70	44	pc	63	39	pc
Marietta, OH	75	55	t	70	48	t	70	43	t	70	46	pc	72	44	pc
McKeesport, PA	74	53	t	67	47	t	62	45	t	67	44	pc	68	41	pc
Meadville, PA	70	52	t	63	45	t	60	42	t	60	40	pc	64	36	pc
Morgantown, WV	75	54	t	70	46	t	70	42	t	72	46	pc	70	43	pc
New Castle, PA	72	53	t	66	45	t	63	43	t	64	40	pc	67	38	pc
Oil City, PA	72	51	t	65	46	r	61	42	t	62	40	pc	66	35	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	73	54	t	69	47	t	66	45	t	69	47	pc	69	44	pc
Sharon, PA	72	53	t	66	44	t	62	41	t	63	39	pc	66	36	pc
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Youngstown, OH	71	53	t	67	45	t	60	41	t	66	39	pc	65	36	pc
Wooster, OH	71	50	t	68	45	t	63	41	t	66	40	pc	63	39	pc
Zanesville, OH	75	55	t	72	46	t	64	42	t	70	42	pc	70	41	pc

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Lady Titan Softball hunting for a PAC Championship

By Brandon Phillian
Campus Writer

The Easter bunny came early to the Lady Titans softball team. In their basket they found runs, lofty batting averages, and minute pitching earned run averages.

In the week leading up to the highly anticipated Easter break, the Lady Titans comprised a record of 4-0 and improved their overall record to the .500 mark of 14-14. "We've really established chemistry. Winning four games in a row has rejuvenated us and is propelling us to a strong finish," junior pitcher Jennifer Pancake said.

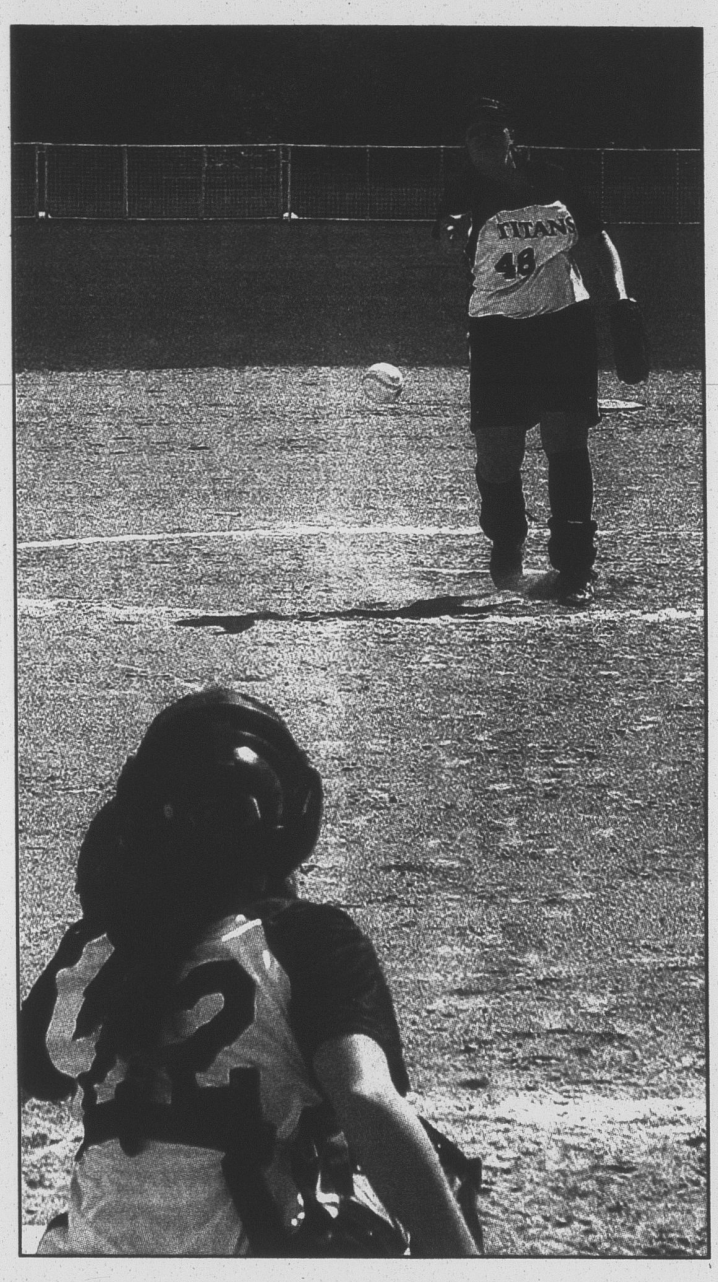
En route to an undefeated week, the Lady Titans knocked off conference foe Grove City and soon-to-be PAC member St. Vincent. Stephanie Cornicelli, junior outfielder, believes, "Last week was a huge confidence builder. Grove City always puts a good team on the field and St. Vincent is currently in the NAIA. Beating an NAIA team helps us to gain momentum as we head down the stretch."

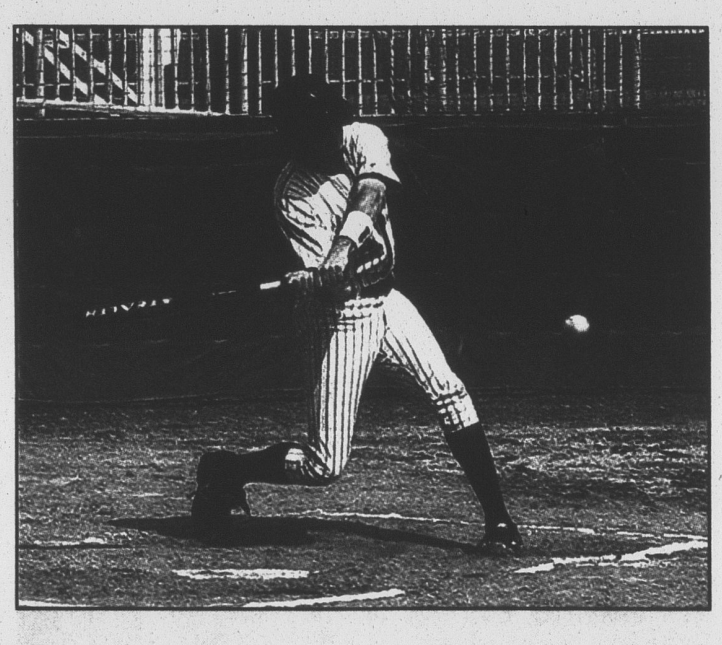
Capturing momentum down the stretch will be crucial for the Lady Titans as they anticipate battling with Washington and Jefferson in a possible PAC champion preview on Saturday. Jennifer Pancake takes a 1.26 earned run average to the hill as she will get the nod in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader.

"W&J is a very talented team that we will have to play at our best. Beating them would greatly help our chances of capturing the PAC title," Pancake said. The Lady Titans will also rely heavily on the bats of Heather Gurgiolo, Abby Mazar, and Stephanie Cornicelli, all of whom claim batting averages of better than .300. Mazar will also play a key defensive role as she is credited with a near perfect fielding percentage of .987.

"The W&J game will be bigger than we anticipated. We ultimately hold our destiny in our own hands and beating W&J will be key in winning the PAC title," believes Cornicelli. Karisa Nilsen, senior outfielder also understands the importance of beating W&J. "W&J is a very talented PAC team. We need to beat them and play the rest of our PAC games tough in order to host the PAC tournament here at Westminster," Nilsen said. Besides being the number one seed in the PAC tournament, the school that owns the PAC's best regular season record also earns the privilege of hosting the very prestigious conference tournament.

So far, the Lady Titans' Easter basket has been full of treats and goodies. Who knows, if they keep their Easter momentum rolling, by the time everything is said and done and they get to the bottom of the basket, they just might find a PAC championship.

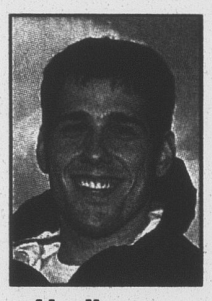




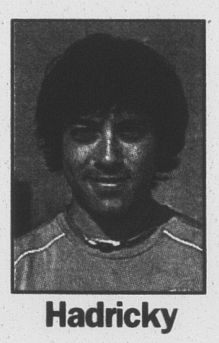
Titan Sports Shorts:

Adam Hadbavny, Stefan Hadricky Earn PAC Weekly Recognition

A pair of Titan athletes have been honored with weekly recognition by the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) for the week ending April 16, 2006.



Hadbavny



Hadricky

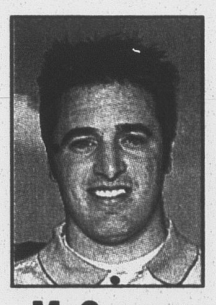
Senior men's track & field standout Adam Hadbavny was named PAC Men's Track & Field Athlete of the Week. Hadbavny posted a pair of wins in the discus (148-5 1/2) and the shot put (47-11 1/4) while competing against NCAA Division I and II competition at the Slippery Rock Invitational in Slippery Rock, Pa., last weekend. It was his second PAC Track & Field Athlete of the Week award this season.

Freshman men's tennis standout Stefan Hadricky was selected as PAC Men's Tennis Player of the Week. Hadricky was a perfect 4-0 on the week, leading the Titans to PAC wins over Washington & Jefferson (5-4) and Bethany (6-3). He clinched the one-point W&J win with a 6-4, 6-0 win at fourth singles, while his win at fifth singles against the Bison gave him a team-high nine singles wins this season.

The Westminster track & field teams will host the Titan Invitational at Harold Burry Stadium this Saturday (April 22) at 11 a.m. The Titan men's tennis team will compete at the 2006 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships this Friday and Saturday (April 21-22) at the Pennbriar Fitness & Racquet

Titan men's golf captures eight-team Grove City "MBA" Invitational

The Westminster College men's golf team fired a four-man total of 310 to capture the team title by three strokes at the McBride-Behringer-Allen 'MBA' Invitational, hosted by Grove City College at the Grove City Country Club in Grove City, Pa.



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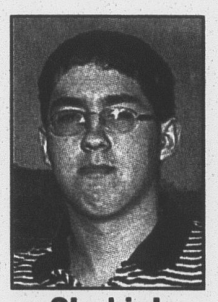

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The Titan linksters finished three strokes ahead of the host Wolverines (313) as well as Waynesburg (326), Bethany (330), Penn State-Behrend (334), Thiel (334), and La Roche (358). Carnegie Mellon entered individuals only at the event.

Westminster was paced by senior Gary McGovern (Pittsburgh/Mount Lebanon H.S.), who shot a 35-38-73 to finish in third place in individual competition, Sophomore Jeff Skubick (Verona/Penn Hills H.S.) also posted a Top 10 individual finish, placing seventh overall with 40-37-77. Other Titan scores included senior Matt Kurtz (DuBois/DuBois H.S.) with 39-40-79, freshman Jordan Flaim (Hookstown/South Side Beaver H.S.) with 41-40-81, and junior David Sims (Pittsburgh/Plum H.S.) with 41-40-81.

The Titan 'B' team also competed at the event, firing a four-man total of 344. Leading the way for the 'B' squad was freshman Nick Marzo (Coudersport/Coudersport H.S.) with a 43-35-78, good for a tie for eighth place in individual competition. Other Westminster 'B' team scores included freshman David Horn (Coudersport/Coudersport H.S.) with 41-46-87, junior Dan Scarlett (Edinboro/Mercyhurst Prep H.S.) with 43-48-91, junior Dan Ockree (Lower Burrell/Burrell H.S.) with 40-54-94, and junior Jonathan Deyton (Sewickley/Quaker Valley H.S.) with 52-45-97.

The Titan men's golf team returns to action this Sunday and Monday (April 23-24) at the Guy Kuhn Invitational, hosted by Allegheny College at the Meadville Country Club in Meadville, Pa.

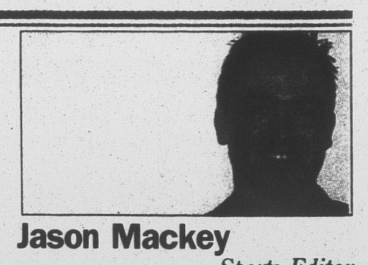
Ten-Run First Inning Lifts Westminster Baseball to 13-9 Non-League Win Over Allegheny

The Titan baseball team posted a season-high 10 runs in the opening frame, then held off a late rally to post a 13-9 non-conference home win over visiting Allegheny College Tuesday in New Wilmington. The Titans (who have now won five of their last six games) evened their overall record at 13-13 on the season, while the Gators dropped to 9-17.

Allegheny jumped out quickly with four runs in the top of the first, only to see the Titans plate eight runners before recording an out in the bottom of the first. When the inning was complete, 14 WC batters had come to the plate, providing the Titans with a 10-4 lead after one inning. Westminster scored three more times in the fourth for a 13-4 advantage. The Gators did not quit, as AC scored five times in the sixth and then loaded the bases with the tying run at the plate in the ninth, before a pop out ended the threat.

Earning the pitching win for the Titans was freshman southpaw Gary DeBaldo, who improved to 3-1 after allowing seven runs (six earned) on 10 hits with four walks and three strikeouts in 5+ innings of work. Senior Brenton Gilmore added 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief with a pair of strikeouts, before sophomore Andy Robison ended the game by hurling the final 1 2/3 frames.

Offensively, the Titans pounded out 14 hits in the win with five different players posting multi-hit games. Freshman outfielder John Izzo was 2-for-5 with a double, a triple and two RBIs. while senior catcher Ed DeRose and sophomore second baseman Don Kirkwood each posted two hits (including a double) and scored twice. Senior third baseman Mark Francazio and sophomore outfielder Don Womeldorff added two hits each, while freshman shortstop Nick Maiorano doubled and drove in a team-high three RBIs.



Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Off to a Pirate-like start

I'm an idiot. I seriously believed this year's Pittsburgh Pirates might resemble something more than your little brother's colt league baseball team.

The Pirates could barely qualify as a mediocre farm system for your brother's squad.

As of Tuesday evening the Pirates record was an unpalatable 5-11, even though they just notched an impressive 12-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Forgive me if I hold my applause.

Oliver Perez even made the unthinkable journey into the seventh inning, a place where only one other starter dared journey this season (Zach Duke, Apr. 15) Mr. Enigma [Perez] gave up five hits and three runs in 6 2/3 innings of "work," but the Buccos, again, won with the long ball. Jason Bay, Jack Wilson, and Jeromy Burnitz all went deep in the unusual route of the Cards.

Contrary the preseason scouting report, the Pirates have been hitting home runs at an incredible rate. As of Tuesday they had 25 dingers, second only to the Cincinnati Reds.

A lot of things are out of place this season for the Pirates.

First, Sean Casey's back is most definitely out of place. The newly acquired local boy will miss six to eight weeks after a violent collision with catcher Humberto Cota.

It's OK. He'll only make $8.5 million this season.

Secondly, as stated not only in this column, but also in my preseason column, the team's rotation figured to be fairly solid. Yes, they're young and should experience growing pains, but they shouldn't be causing stomach pains.

The rotation should rotate with that of AAA Indianapolis, and the bullpen should hop the fence right out of PNC Park.

G.M. Dave Littlefield has been fairly patient with his team, but how much longer can this patience last? Sooner, rather than later, the Pirates need to make some type of move to bolster their rotation.

Ian Snell, the Pirates' figurative candidate for "Non-pitcher of the Millennium," holds a nauseating 9.60 ERA, and is on pace to give up 281 hits.

However, I'm not losing faith. I'm simply exercising my Right to Ignorance, something that all Pittsburgh fans are conveniently blessed with.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Lucky # Slevin
new mafia film

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Lucky Number Slevin is an example of a con movie that will always be several steps ahead of the most interpretive mind. I'm going to put it up front: just watch the movie and let the con unfold until some obnoxious person in the audience says "Oh damn! I can't believe it's __!"

Slevin (Josh Hartnett) is in New York City visiting his friend Nick. He gets to Nick's apartment only to find no Nick, instead he meets some goons who mistake Slevin for Nick and drag him off to see the Boss (Morgan Freeman). Apparently, Slevin (who they think is Nick) owes the Boss a lot of money, but the Boss is willing to forgive the debt if he kills the son of his enemy, the Rabbi (Ben Kingsley).

Moments after being kicked into the street, Slevin is picked up by some Hasidic Jew goons only to face the Rabbi who makes an alternative offer to forgive Nick's debts (which now rest on Slevin). Slevin meets Nick's neighbor, Lindsey (Lucy Liu), the local coroner, and they form a friendship and try to come up with a plan to keep Slevin alive.

While Lindsey and Slevin plan to outsmart the two warring bosses (note: The Rabbi and The Boss live in pent-houses facing each other and spend the day glaring through bulletproof glass), Mr.Goodkat (Bruce Willis) enters town. As far as anyone can tell, he is a hired hit man who seems to run his own agenda. While this construction of scenarios pieces together, Officer Brikowski (Stanley Tucci) and his force are trying to figure out what is going on because they know something is going to go down.

Lucky Number Slevin is a good con movie, and has a winning cast. This is probably the best role I've seen Josh Hartnett play, and Lucy Liu's eccentric character is entertaining to observe. As a con movie, it falls somewhere in the middle. Like with most con movies, we know that we don't know or can figure out the entire plot. However, I feel like knowing that the characters are playing another role and that there will be a twist at the end is clichéd by now. I would prefer just a caper film like *The Sting* or any other crime movie.

The witty dialogue and colorful characters are fun but still a product of our post-Tarantino time. While *Slevin* may not be original as far as con movies go, it has some good scenes that fall into normal con plot.

Rating: B

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Josh Hartnett stars as Slevin in *Lucky Number Slevin*.

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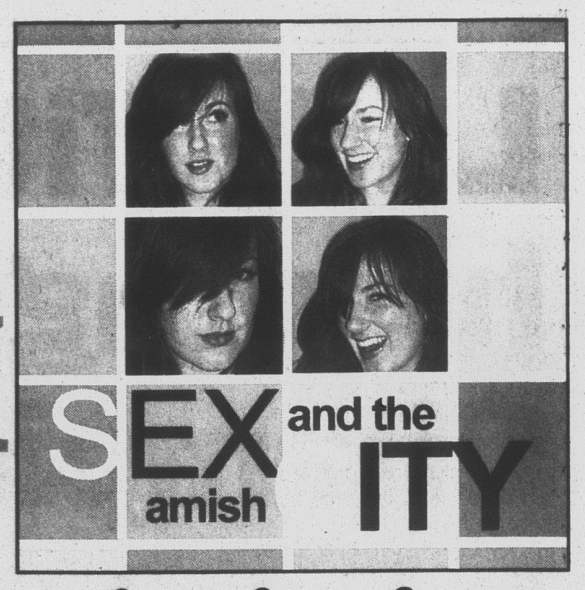


To become more romantic, steer away from creepy showings of love

I think it is safe to say that spring has arrived. The weather is warmer, the sun is shinier, and the love is...love-ier. Further evidence of springtime can also be noticed in the ever shortening skirt lengths; since when is it appropriate to wear a shard of fabric that could barely cover one cheek, let alone two, and then walk down the stairs in McKelvey? Yeah, that just should not happen.

Anyway, back to the "love is love-ier." It seems that relationships are always in a heightened state of love-ness throughout springtime. I suppose the stereotypical birds chirping provide a lovey-dovey soundtrack and the new ability to sprawl out in the grass with a loved one lead to a greater sense of together-ness.

But one has to wonder, as love begins to permeate the air, where has all the romance gone? Has anyone seen it? I've unfortunately seen many couples perform what can only be described as mouth to mouth resuscitation, but no romance.

I've also read my fair share of punch-myself-in-the-face-because-that's-a-better-fate-than-continuing-to-read-this-load-of-crap away messages about love... still no romance. What am I talking about, you wonder? Read on my lovelies, read on.

I decided to write about romance after I recently heard a pastor talk about how he won over his wife with what he deemed as romance. She wasn't his wife at the time; they were just beginning to date. He sent her 12 cards, one for each stage of intimacy (there are apparently 12) and detailing how wonderful it was or will be to share in each stage. Well, when I heard about that, I thought, "Hm, that is pretty nice I guess."

...the more physical in nature they become, until number 12 which is sex. Now if someone sent me a card explaining how he was looking forward to number 12, I would bascially take that card to the police and get a restraining order.

But once I figured out what the 12 stages were, I realized it was *CREEPY BEYOND ALL REASON*. The first stage of intimacy is eye to body – the moment you first see the other person. Ok, fine, telling the person you like that you have noticed how wonderful he/she is since the moment you first laid eyes on him/her. As the stages get higher, the more physical in nature they become, until number 12 which is sex. Now, if someone sent me a card explaining how he was looking forward to number 12, I would basically take that card to the police and get a restraining order. In no way is that romantic.

Why is it that no one seems to know what romance is?

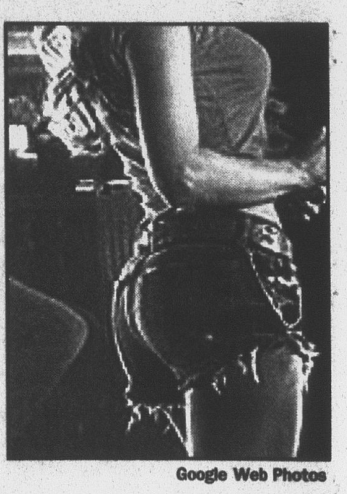
This is my plea to all of you readers of *The Holcad* to become more romantic. This does not mean writing crazy intimacy cards or showing the world, whether it cares to see or not, you love each other by making out in public. No, it's about finding what your significant other deems important and honoring that in whatever way you can.

The best literary and theatrical representation of this has to be Pride and Prejudice (I have been wanting to write about this for a while... and I have found a way to incorporate it- VICTORY!). My girlyness is probably leaping off this page. Eh, it happens. The main male character, Mr. Darcy, wins Elizabeth over, the leading lady, by helping out her family because it is the most important thing in her life. It's unbelievably romantic, I can't even deal with it.

You should probably go rent this movie or read the book. Now. Go do it now. Let's not let romance die.

Oh, and let us speed date as well.

Laura's waxing this week on everything from *way* too short-shorts she sees in the TUB to how to woo women properly with a little dash of *P & P*.



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New Castle a great place for middle-eastern cuisine

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Before you go home for summer, you should get a sense for the only good thing in New Castle—its wonderful ethnic food. I know I've shown you all the good Italian, Mexican, and home-cooking places, but you need to try some awesome middle-eastern treats.

Alcham is located on West State Street in the Westgate Plaza. The atmosphere is very spacious with lots of middle-eastern décor and music.

Alcham offers grape leaves, hummus, kibbee, and rice as some of their appetizers (grape leaves are in my top five favorite foods). They have a soup of the day, as well as wedding soup. If you're trying to eat healthy for summer, try a tabula, spinach, lamb, chicken, shankleesh, or fattoush salad (I know you don't know what those mean, so check out the definitions). And don't worry, all of the salad dressings are normal and easy to pronounce.

Some of the sandwiches may sound a little more familiar to you. They have gyros, chicken or lamb sandwiches, spinach pie, and meat pie. For the ones you probably won't know, they offer a kufta burger, kibi plate, and a falafel sandwich.

All the dinners are served with some of the best Syrian bread I've ever eaten. There are many combination dinners that include grape leaves, lamb, chicken, kibi, tabouleh, and/or rice. There are substitutions you can make if you're too chicken to try anything you can't pronounce. The substitutions that you may feel more comfortable with are rice and French fries.

If you get dessert, which you should, you must try the baklava. Everywhere I try it, it's always a bit different, but I love it no matter where I eat it. There is also rice pudding or tiramisu.

Just so you know what you're eating...

Hummus- mashed chick peas, garlic, lemon and sesame oil

Baba ganoush- eggplant, sesame oil, garlic and lemon

Falafel- chick peas, sesame seed, and Syrian spice

Kibi - ground lean steak with cracked wheat, choice of cooked or uncooked

Tabouleh - fresh cut parsley, tomatoes and onions with a bit of lemon

Shankleesh - dried cheese with other spices

Fattoush - fried pita bread

Kufta - lean ground lamb with parsley and onions

Yakhni - green beans and lamb cooked in tomato sauce

Baklava- thin layers of filo dough baked over crushed walnuts...mmm

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to eat in the cafeteria as little as possible.

Need for Speed???

Westminster
Speed Dating
Friday,
April 21,
8-9 p.m.
Club Room

Laura wants to remind you to participate in SPEED DATING! The greatest event in the history of the world... or not... but still great! Meet multiple people in one crazy night. Don't be shy or hesitant, what do you have to lose?

Sign up in the TUB or email zorchle@westminster.edu

Calendar

April 21, 2006

Men's Tennis at PAC Tournament in Erie

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SGA Day

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – Practice Soccer Fields

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM College Republicans Present "Voices of Iraq" Video – MCC Mueller Theater

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Republicans Present "Voices of Iraq" Video – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Opera Westminster Presents Magically Mozart – Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Firewall – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Speed Dating – MCC Club

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Match Point – MCC Mueller Theater

April 22, 2006

Men's Tennis at PAC Championships in Erie

Westminster Hosts Men's and Women's Track and Field PAC Championships

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Westminster Fund Committee – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Amnesty International Hosts Human Rights Conference – Various Locations

1:00 PM Baseball vs. Bethany (H)

1:00 PM Softball at Washington and Jefferson

8:00 PM Alpha Psi Omega One-Act Festival – MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Match Point – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Firewall – MCC Mueller Theater

April 23, 2006

Campus Visitation Day

Men's Golf at Allegheny Invitational

1:00 PM Baseball at Bethany

1:00 PM College Republicans Present "Voices of Iraq" Video – MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Concert – Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Firewall – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Christy Lecture: Leroy Barber, Vice President of Mission Year, Speaker – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Match Point – MCC Mueller Theater

April 24, 2006

Greek Week

Men's Golf at Allegheny Invitational

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Arbor Day Week Tree Plantings – College Field Station/Outdoor Lab

3:30 PM Softball vs. Penn State-Altoona (H)

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

April 25, 2006

Women's Golf at Mount Union Invitational

Greek Week

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Arbor Day Week Tree Plantings – College Field Station/Outdoor Lab

2:00 PM Baseball vs. La Roche (H)

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM 7 v 7 Outdoor Soccer – Soccer Fields

4:00 PM Softball at Hiram

5:30 PM Broadcast Communications Capstone Presentations – MCC Mueller Theater

April 26, 2006

Greek Week

Women's Golf at Mount Union Invitational

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Arbor Day Week Tree Plantings – College Field Station/Outdoor Lab

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Rob Klamut and Tammy Swearingen, "Keeping Our Heads Above Water: The Westminster College Aquatics Program" – MCC Mueller Theater

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM 7 v 7 Outdoor Soccer – Soccer Fields

7:30 PM Miss Titan Competition – Orr Auditorium

Sudoku!

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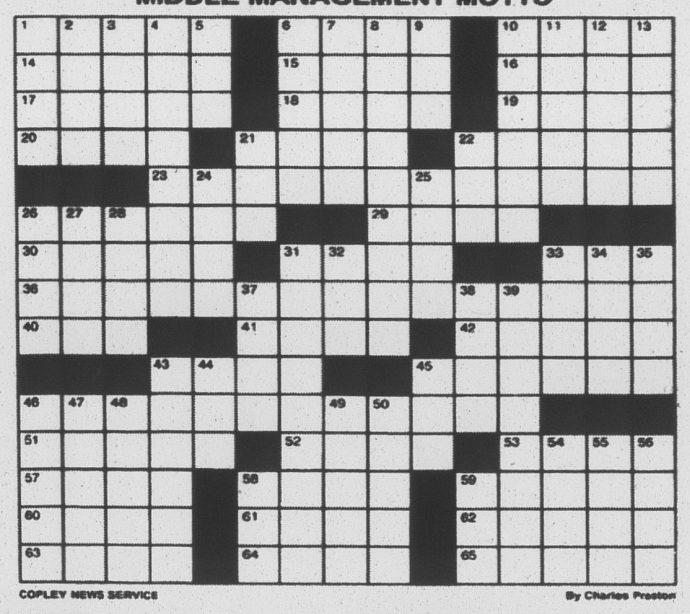

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Think of this as a very exiting and advantageous learning period. Commit your time and attention to studying subjects that you find appealing.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): At this juncture in your life, the accent falls on personal finances. Look around and uncover different ways that you can transform your income.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Make the most of a cheerful mood and an outgoing, somewhat influential cycle. Put your best foot forward and reach out to connect with new friends.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Look deep within and find the wherewithal to bounce back from a recent disappointment. Welcome a new lease on life and a fresh opportunity to start over.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): This week is about taking action and moving toward achieving your goals. Encourage your friends to follow your lead and to be forthright with their support.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You tend to be highly competitive or aggressive in business or professional affairs. Avoid moving so fast that you lose sight of the small yet essential victories.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): This is an important period of discovery and wonder in your life. Keep an open mind and seek answers in different philosophies or schools of thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): You radiate with passion and determination to succeed. Work toward positive change and you can expect the most amazing and satisfying results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Friends get energized and will somehow benefit from just being in your company. Be true to yourself and avoid making concessions in order to please.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Step up and get involved with the latest diet, health regiment or exercise program. In just a few weeks you will begin to see and feel a big difference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Discussions about love, commitment or social obligations are par for the course this week. Do not hesitate to share your opinions or feelings with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Family members may not always agree with your choices, but it is still OK to express yourself. Reach beyond expectations and prosper beyond your wildest dreams.

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LATE NIGHT
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COMING SOON....
Apr. 28 Titan's Tavern
Apr. 29 Sing n Swing
May 6 Volley Rock
May 6 Jazz Concert
May 9-12 Late Night for Finals
Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

So, you got a job yet?

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

If you're a senior graduating in just a few short weeks like me, I feel sorry for you. I know you've probably been hearing a very familiar and annoying question. "So, do you have a job yet?"

Yes, dear heart, in between a full class schedule, an internship, a part-time job and a plethora of extracurricular activities I managed to land the job of my dreams making $65,000 a year. I also have a beach house, a husband, a puppy and I'm ready to start having babies. Ok, maybe now I'm getting a bit dramatic, but the truth is that the entire prospect of graduating is overwhelming and the constant job questionnaire only adds to the increasing stress level.

Westminster Career Center Director Jackie Meade offers advice to seniors.

"Let people know that you're entering the job market," Meade said. "Think of all your contacts through family and friends by networking."

A second piece of advice Meade offers is to think about a volunteer or internship position.

"Think about volunteering in your field, it gives you a chance to showcase your talents and allows potential employers to see what you're capable of doing," Meade added.

Finally, consider a temporary employment agency. Meade, however, stressed the importance of finding a reliable and reputable agency.

Another employment booster is the liberal arts background itself.

"Know that you're coming from a school with an excellent education and that you've been preceded by people from Westminster who can open doors for you," Meade said. "Your education has prepared you to do the job."

If the thought of graduation still has you down, remember that the Career Center is there for you no matter what.

"The Career Center is here for you for the rest of your life," Meade said. "Whether you need help with interviewing or making cover letters and resumes, we do it all."

A final piece of advice to graduates, continue checking the job employment bulletin that's sent weekly to your email address; it's updated weekly and if you're interested in receiving it post-graduation, give the Career Center a heads up.

Best of luck to the Class of 2006. Only a few more weeks to go!

Graduate Survey Results- Class of 2000

*Employed only: 77%

*Employed and attending graduate/professional school: 9%

*Attending graduate/professional school: 12%

*Not seeking employment or further education: 1%

*Seeking employment: 1%

Total graduates: 268
Total survey respondents: 224
Survey response rate: 84%

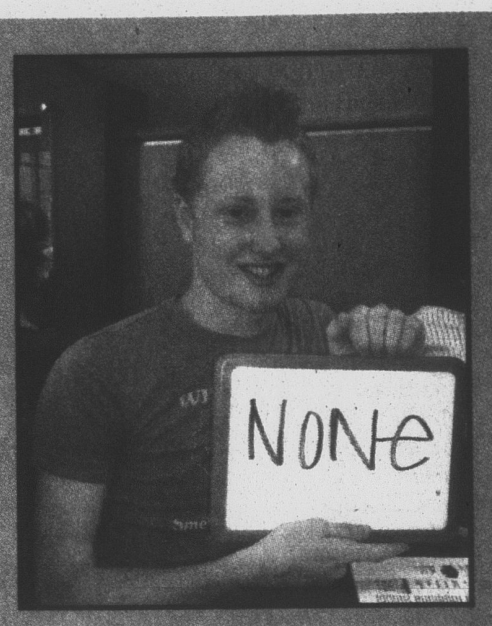
Source: Westminster Career Center

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. Upon reading this article, she begs you to stop asking seniors if they have a job yet.

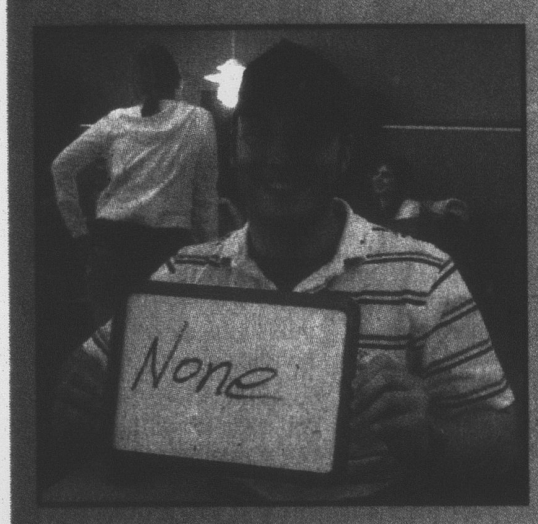
Question of the Week

How many classes did you skip because of the nice weather last week?

Erin O'Donnell, senior



Jeremy Lawler, sophomore



Tom Burkhart, senior

Sarah Cook, freshman

photography by Amanda Hauger

Penn Avenue meets art

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Penn Avenue in Pittsburgh has become home to many of Pittsburgh's art venues and has also helped local artists make their work public.

Located in Garfield, Friendly and East Liberty the lengthy street is home to 13 art venues that are in walking distance of each other. Studio 5013, Quiet Storm, Pittsburgh Glass Center, Clay Penn, Garfield Artworks and the Brillobox are just a few places to stop while visiting Pittsburgh. The galleries open shows the first Friday of the month and a list of show events can be found in a monthly pamphlet called Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn.

Unblurred is sponsored by the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative. PAAI began in 1988 as a strategy by Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation and the Friendship Development Associates to assist in programs that support and promote public art. According to Unblurred, it is one of the only programs in the country that assists artists in owning their own space and has become a model for arts related development nationwide.

Friday, April 7 marked the beginning of a new trend in photography shows throughout Pittsburgh. Garfield Artworks featured photography from local artists in Pittsburgh who became acquainted with each other through Flickr. Flickr is a Web site where photographers from around the world can post photos, share ideas, and comment on each other's work.

Matt Niemi showed his favorite pieces at Modern Formations and this show marked the debut of the Flickr group's work at galleries on Penn Ave. He says the monthly "Flickr" show was started by photographer Joey Kennedy.

"He [Kennedy] started a monthly event every last Friday of the month at the Z Lounge gallery in the Southside," Niemi said. "The event has become so popular that we started having shows at other Pittsburgh galleries."

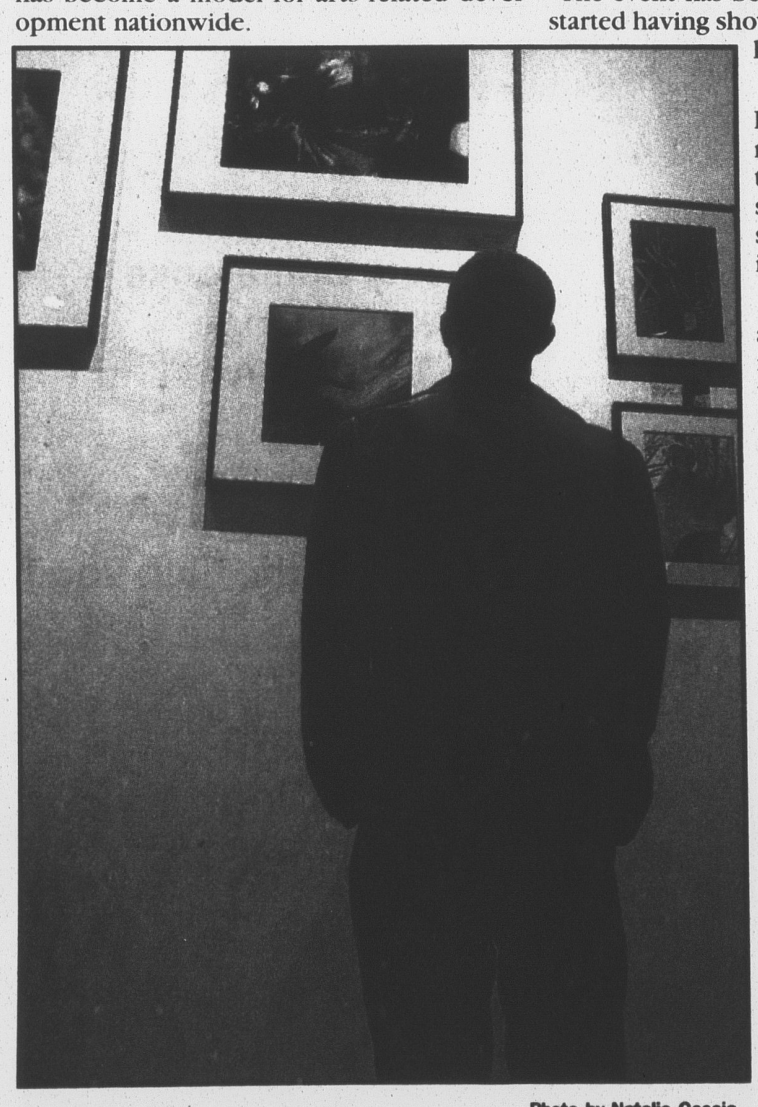


Photo by Natalie Coccia

Niemi stumbled across Flickr in Jan. '05, but did not become a member until March. He says that the site is the reason he is showing his photography in galleries today.

"Over the last year and a half I have become more interested in photography thanks to the vast amount of photography that I have been exposed to at Flickr," Niemi said.

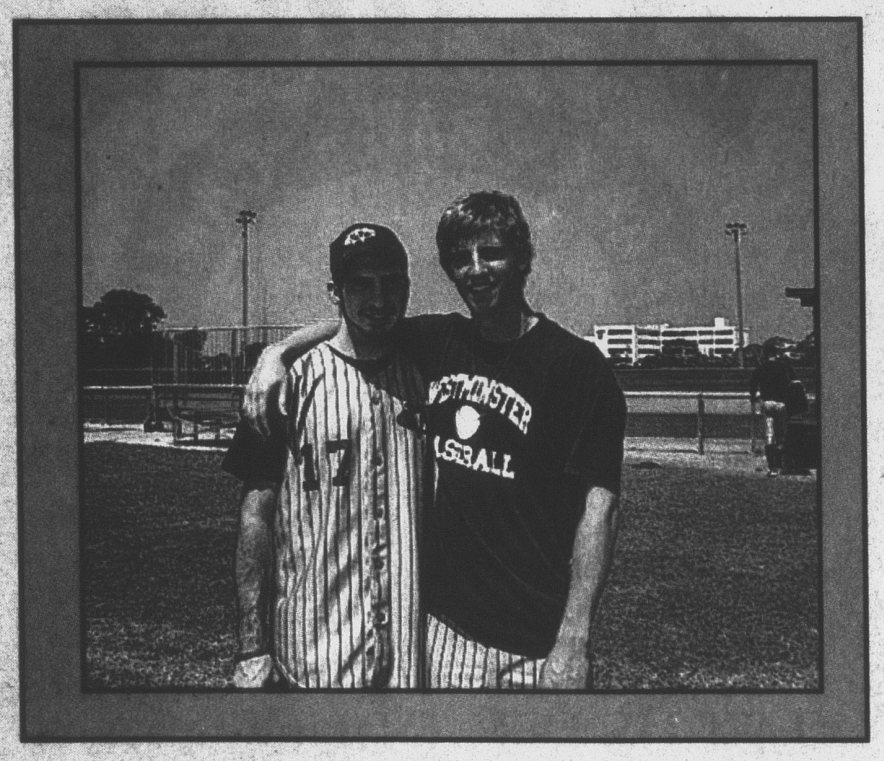
Penn Avenue has become home to many Pittsburgh artists and has also helped people show their work to the public. The photography show at Garfield Artworks runs until April 20. For more information on Penn Avenue, a map of galleries, and schedule of shows visit pennavenuearts.org.

Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

Q & A with one lucky junior

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a former baseball player



contributed photo from left to right Tony Cunningham and Bobby Glass

Since he could pick up a ball, junior Business Administration major Bobby Glass has been throwing a baseball. This New Castle native transferred from Grove City College at the start of this year, mainly for a chance to play baseball again.

"I was excited to get back into baseball after playing all throughout high school," Bobby said.

About a month ago, Bobby pitched his very first game for Westminster at their spring training in Fort Pierce, Florida.

It was his first game back and he was excited to be back in the swing of things. Unfortunately thing weren't meant to be for the left-handed pitcher that day.

"I was throwing a pitch in the second inning and I felt something pop in my elbow," Bobby recalled. "There was a shot of pain and my arm went tingly then numb. It was the worst pain I've ever felt actually."

The trainer confirmed Bobby's worst fears- a torn ligament in his elbow. After an MRI at the hospital, doctors told Bobby he would never pitch again.

"It's sad," Bobby said. "My family was also pretty upset. They were looking forward to seeing me play again. I feel bad for the team too, now we're down three pitchers."

Although the torn ligament will keep Bobby from pitching, it won't keep him from participating in sports in general.

"Although I'll never pitch again, I'll need to rehab my arm and maybe next year I'll be in the outfield," Bobby said.

For now, he is focused on basketball where he will serve as a shooting guard for the Titan basketball team next year. Bobby is also enjoying the Westminster experience.

"I love Westminster, it's great," he said. "Coming from Grove City I have a totally different perspective on things."

Bobby is a big sports fan and enjoys fishing and listening to music. He has an older brother, 24, and a younger sister, 18. He also has a girlfriend and he supports her at her soccer games.

Each week, Titan Eye Candy spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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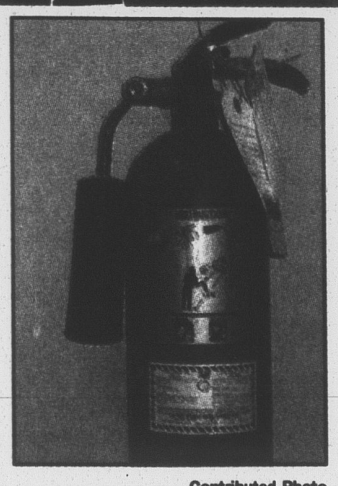

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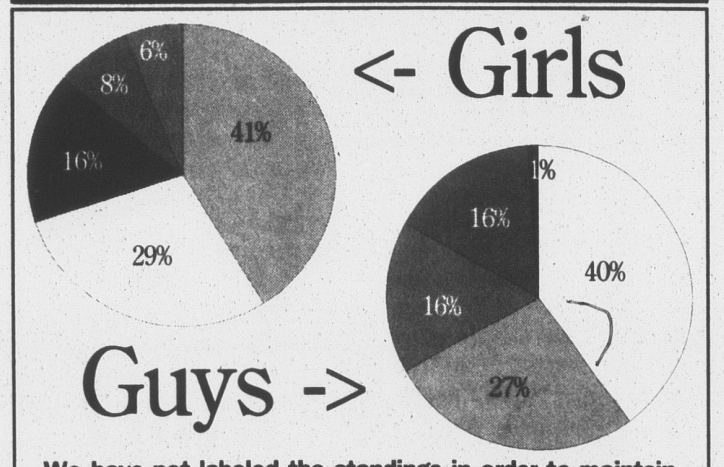

We have not labeled the standings in order to maintain the secrecy of the point system. See Page B-6 for more.

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Weekend Weather from the Accuweather ®

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Tuition increase

TACKLING THE REASONS BEHIND THE LATEST HIKE

By Kelly Corbin
Campus writer

The price tag of education at the college will increase 6.68% for the fall 2006 semester largely due to an increase in energy costs.

The tuition increase was approved by the Board of Trustees during its recent annual meeting. An informational letter sent out on Apr. 7 attributed the increase to rising health care insurance premiums, energy costs, and water and sewer costs. Fall 2006 tuition, housing and board in addition to campus fees totals $31,290.

"From the 2005-2006 budget, $941,000 was allocated to natural gas alone, which increased by 100% from two years ago. Electricity was budgeted at $716,000, and water, sewer, and cable, $322,000," Ken Romig, Vice President of Finance & Management Services said.

The letter included an attachment of the 2005-2006 tuition costs for other Liberal Arts Baccalaureate Colleges in Pa., according to the Carnegie Foundation Category. Among the 21 colleges and universities listed, our tuition totaled $29,280 and was the second-least expensive. Haverford College ranked most expensive at $41,000 and Saint Vincent College least expensive at $28,553.

"The tuition increase doesn't really affect incoming students each year, because applications are usually in before the announcement of an increase. The people it really affects are the current students. It'd be great if students could come in as freshmen and pay the same tuition each year, but still raise the incoming student tuition," Brad Tokar, Senior Associate Dean of Admissions said.

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Senior Associate Dean of Admissions Brad Tokar

The campus is buzzing with talk of the tuition increase, and students complaining of already being stretched financially. Now that the final numbers are available, one student shares her optimistic view.

"I'm okay with the tuition increase as long as it keeps us competitive with other private liberal arts colleges," sophomore Carsen Nesbit said.

One way to cut down on future costs is by updating our existing buildings and using more efficient energy methods on future buildings. The Berlin Village townhouses will use geothermal energy. According to Dean Neal Edman's sources, the higher the cost of energy, the less time it will take for the geothermal system investment is scheduled to pay back. At present, the geothermal system is scheduled to pay back within a 10-15 year time span.

Jeffers turns to singles' dorm

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Campus writer

New use of the Jeffers dormitory will prove just how "far" females on campus are willing to go for the privacy of a room to themselves.

According to Molly Mistretta, director of residence life, the Jeffers dormitory will no longer be used to house female freshmen. Instead, the dorm will be available to upper-class women who request single-occupancy rooms for next fall. The switch is finally possible now that extra housing options are being made available on campus.

"We've been looking for a way to increase single housing on campus for a long time," Mistretta said. "With the addition of the Berlin Village townhouses and the renovation of the Thompson House, we are finally able to make that increase."

With all the housing options on campus, students often prefer living in a single dorm to avoid the restrictions that can come along with having a roommate. According to Mistretta, it costs an extra $375 per semester to live in a single, but several students are already willing to pay the price.

"All of the singles in Jeffers have already been filled for next year," Mistretta said. "Anyone else wanting a single on campus will be put on a waiting list to see what becomes available."

Max Irwin, a freshman who has a room to himself in Eichenhauer, says that the perks of rooming alone are endless.

"Having your own room is awesome. You don't have to worry about whether or not your roommate likes the music you listen to, or what you watch on TV, or what time you go to bed, and all kinds of things like that," Irwin said.

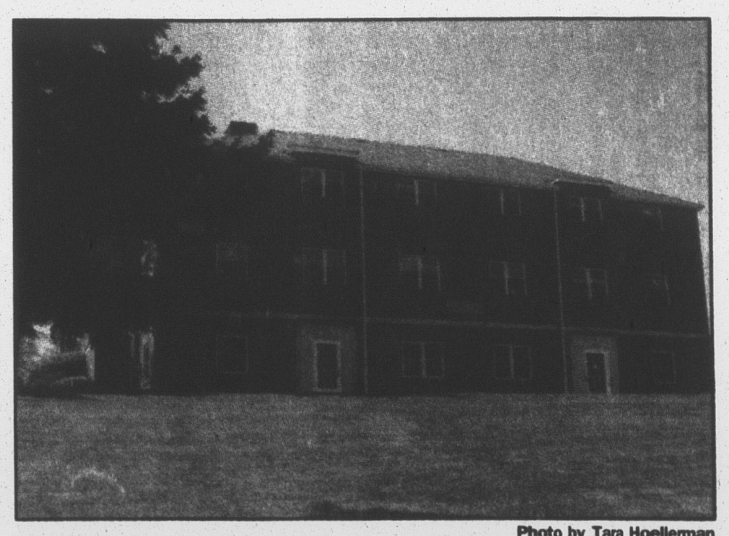

Photo by Tara Hoellerman

Jeffers is one of the farthest campus dorms making it not a high ranked living area; however, the perk of a single's room has kept many upper classmen leaping for a spot.

Currently, freshmen girls

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Young Presbyterian Scholars: the issue at hand

A brief summary of Nelson and Walling's "The Presbyterian Premium"

The editors invited seniors Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling to write an opinion piece for the March 31, 2006 edition of *The Holcad.* The article was titled "The Presbyterian Premium" and called into question the direction of the college with regards to the Young Presbyterian Scholarship program.

In the article, Nelson and Walling analyze a program which, they feel, diminishes the diversity of the college by seeking students of a certain background rather than academic achievement. Students recieving the Young Presbyterian Scholars scholarship do not need to maintain a 3.0 GPA like awardees of some of the various academic, merit-based scholarships, such as the Vance Distinguished Scholars program.

The response to this article has been enormous, serving as a topic of discussion for students and staff alike. While *The Holcad* recieved and printed one letter to the editors regarding the article for the April 7, 2006 edition, more letters came in over Easter break and throughout the past week.

We now present all of these letters, including a response from Nelson and Walling to Kelly Corbin, Jeremy Lawler, Joel Montgomery, and Deborah Ward's letter, "Presbyterian minority boosts college's applicant averages."

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

College administration has obligation to be forthcoming to student body

In response to all of the articles, discussion, and debate about the recent article on the Young Presbyterian Scholarship, I'd like to give you my take. I felt that I should write this letter as a concerned student, but also as a Young Presbyterian Scholar.

First off, let me begin by thanking Ben and Ray for writing an article that has provoked much discussion on campus. Before I begin I'd like to make clear that I appreciate everything that the YPS program has done, for me specifically and also for others.

I would say, to the issue of honesty on the part of the college, that the school hasn't necessarily been dishonest, so much as they have simply not commented on the issue of diversity, knowingly or unknowingly. I do believe that the YPS program and diversity clash quite a bit, and I have no problem with that, but the school does have an obligation, I feel, to its students to respond and/or be forthcoming with their stance when asked by the student body. Either way is fine, just let us know how you feel.

Now, though I appreciate the program and its effects on me personally, I do feel some reform would do the program good. With that said, here are a few ideas.

While Ben and Ray brought to our attention the academic standards and their comparison with other academic scholarships, this is very easily overcome. During a conversation with a friend, he said why not just add another 2,000 dollars onto the academic scholarship they would get? Well, why not? I think this eliminates the issues with the academic standards as well as concerns with the amount of money that the school is putting forth for this program. The biggest part of this is calling it a "scholarship" and having lower standards than all the others.

One of my biggest personal concerns is the fact that the scholarship is guaranteed for 4 years, regardless of actions, activity, or lack thereof. Most people don't know that unlike the academic scholarships, the YPS scholarship cannot be taken away. The problem with this is that the college is not increasing leadership, Christian or not, but simply increasing the amount of Presbyterian students on campus, in my opinion, not a very lofty goal. There needs to be some standard for us YPS students to live up to or else this program will be bound for some negative publicity.

There are many other issues that need addressing, but I feel that these are the biggest concerns about the program itself, and the most easily repairable. Again, thank you to the YPS program for its work here so far, but I think we can do even better than we are.

Casey Karger
Sophomore

Focus of "Presbyterian Premium" too narrow

I am a Westminster alumnus, Class of '53, and I strongly disagree with the opinions of Ben Nelson and Ray Walling in "The Presbyterian Premium" on March 31, 2006. Like them and many Americans I am pleased that college student bodies are becoming more diverse than they were when I was a student. However, they are taking too narrow a view of the ways a college student body should be diverse.

They wrote, "Perhaps Westminster would be better served by admitting a minority student with an excellent scholastic record than an academically mediocre applicant with a pastoral recommendation." First, they define "mediocre" very narrowly. Though the college may not give scholarship help to some students with very high SAT scores, it does not give scholarships to ANY mediocre students as part of the Presbyterian Scholars Program.

Second, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Walling do not seem to recognize that it is to the advantage of our country and our culture to have colleges that are diverse. If Westminster follows their priorities, it will become more nearly like dozens or even hundreds of other schools.

Third, academic excellence isn't everything. The Duke University students now in trouble probably got higher SAT scores than most of Westminster's Presbyterian Scholars. Yet, based on the way the way these Duke men are starting life, I suspect the Presbyterian Scholars will in the years ahead contribute more to the greatness of America and our world.

Fourth, if the quality of education at Westminster is to be maintained and improved, it needs gifts from alumni like me, who are very pleased with the leadership President Williamson is showing.

Theodore C. Stewart
Class of 1953

YPS: Statistics can be made into nearly anything, especially misleading

In the April 7 edition of *The Holcad*, four students provided a barrage of statistical information about the YPS program. However, as our former statistics professors would probably tell you, statistics can be made into nearly anything.

Let's be realistic. Almost all students that complete an application for Westminster get in (outside sources usually fix the acceptance rate around 90%). So to compare the statistics of a scholarship to the remainder of the student body is dishonest. Therefore, we ask for an equal playing field. For instance, both the Young Presbyterian Scholarships and the Trustees Scholarships provide annual funding of $11,000. Mark Meighen stated in the article that the incoming Young Presbyterian Scholars have an average adjusted GPA of 3.79 and an average SAT score of 1169. Interestingly, the Trustees' Scholarship criteria mandate that awardees must have a minimum adjusted GPA of 3.70 and a minimum SAT score of 1200. It is plain to see that the incoming class of YPS students (with the best qualifications ever) do not even qualify for the Trustees' Scholarship on average. We did not have this information two weeks ago and we would like to thank Mark Meighen for clearing it up. Mark, you make our point for us!

Also, we would be remiss to not address the idea that YPS students are a minority. Much of this confusion stems from the fact that Westminster has very few actual minorities (religious, ethnic or otherwise) and, thus, many have such a misguided notion of the term that we have perverted it to such an extent that a Presbyterian could actually be labeled a minority at a Presbyterian school. We achieve "diversity" through redefining the term to suit our aims. Our Bullshit Meter nearly exploded when we read Meighen's implicit comments about YPS helping to boost "minority enrollment by 150% since President Williamson has come to the college." Come on! At least we no longer have any doubt about the homogeneity of Westminster's student population. These attitudes doom diversity at Westminster College. A homogeneous population is not a diversity victory.

Judging from the reaction to the op-ed and subsequent letter to the editor, it is apparent that the YPS has become a hot-button issue on campus. It is time for a serious in-person discussion to occur between members of the campus community. With this in mind, we lay down the challenge of a public debate.

Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling
Seniors

"Presbyterian Premium" misinterpreted to be war declaration

First, let us introduce ourselves. We are a group of concerned students who have read the recent article in *The Holcad* concerning the Young Presbyterian Scholarship program. As we all know this article has started quite the debate amongst the student body, faculty, and staff. Although this article has started some healthy and reasonable conversation amongst the Westminster community, it has also been misread and misinterpreted to conclude that Ben and Ray, the article's authors, have waged a personal war against the students who receive the Young Presbyterian Scholarship or the Presbyterian community in general. However, when read honestly, the message is clear.

Ben and Ray were not calling for a war against the Presbyterian faith. In fact, what they were calling for was one thing that the Presbyterian faith holds dear to its heart, HONESTY! Westminster College has been very dishonest to its faculty, its student body, and its prospective students. If we are completely HONEST with ourselves we would see that creating an environment of diversity and pumping more money into the Young Presbyterian Scholarship program do not go hand-in-hand. Most of the higher-ups here at Westminster are satisfied in claiming that we do in fact embrace diversity. But the battle cry rages on, "Let's be HONEST!" Honestly, geographical diversity is not the only kind of diversity that our institution could embrace. For instance, when the riots in Europe erupted over the cartoons depicting the prophet Muhammad, would we as a collegiate community benefit more from discussing the issue with a Presbyterian student from New Hampshire attending Westminster or a Muslim student who understands the Islamic faith? If we are HONEST the answer is clear. We are placing ourselves at a disadvantage by backing organizations that give the upper hand to students that are already a predominant group at Westminster. However, this is the administration's choice and one they have every right to make, but please be HONEST.

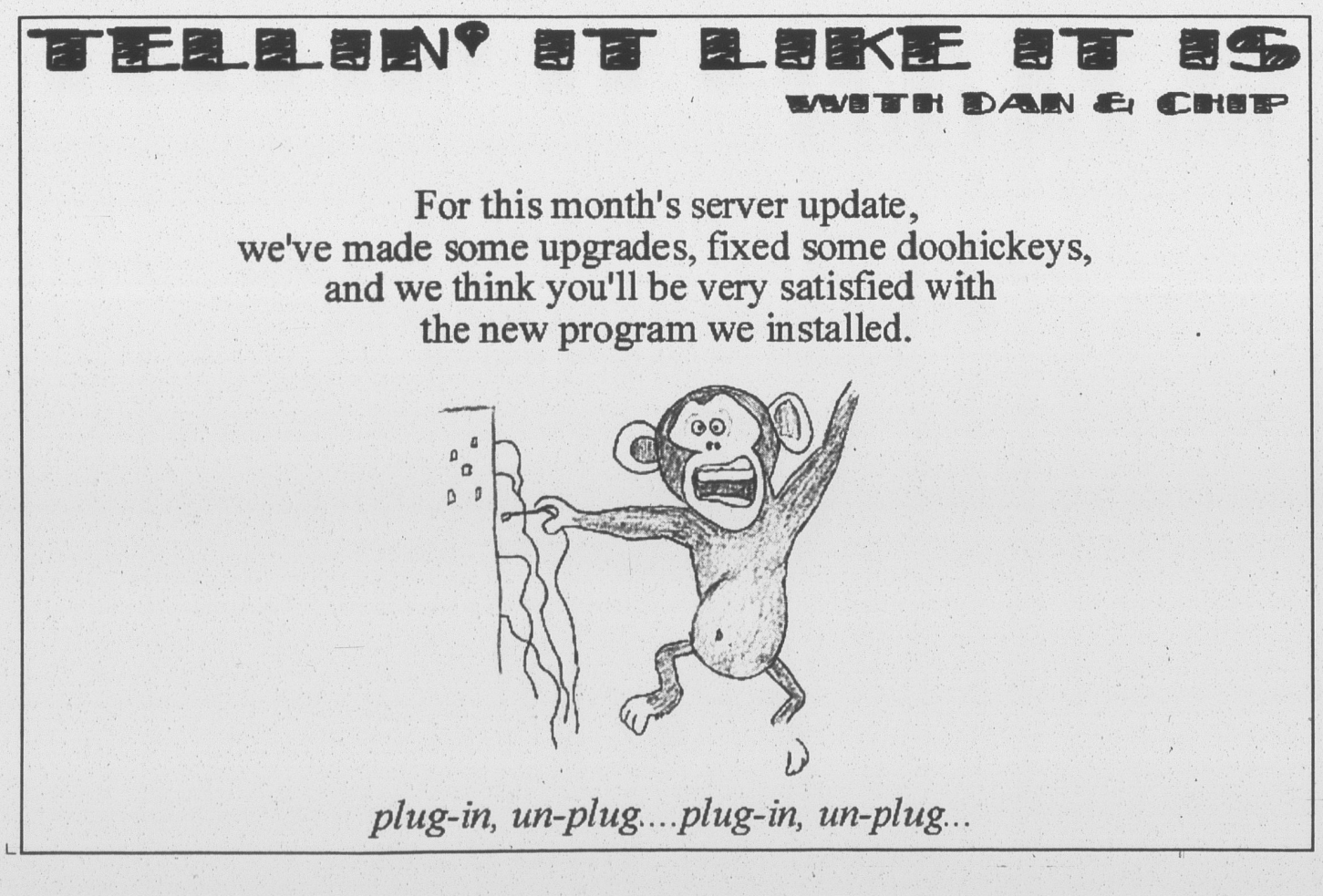
We, as a concerned group of students, do not appreciate the blatant contradictions we have experienced during our stay at Westminster College. Are we a private school loosely affiliated with the Presbyterian Church that promotes diversity and understanding, or are we modeling ourselves after Grove City and claiming to be a "Christian College"? If we are, in fact, a college loosely affiliated with the Presbyterian Church that embraces diversity, it is time we start acting like it. If, instead, we are aiming to become Grove City's protégé and claim to be a "Christian College" it is time to let us know. Regardless of where you stand on the issue this is a very real one and an important one at that. We encourage the student body and faculty to organize a debate concerning this issue while it is still relevant. This type of healthy "duking it out" is the best way to find the HONEST truth in this mess, and HONESTY is what we are after… Ding, ding, ding.

Bryan Bischof, Veronica Geretz, Leah Hesch, Amber Scalfari, Alexander Stubenbort

The YPS program: another perspective

I attended a Quaker boarding school. Although I didn't agree with some of its policies and practices, it never occurred to me that I had a right to challenge or seek to change them. I was, as it were, a guest of the institution, not an insider. If attendance was required at daily worship services, who was I to object? And if they offered preferential scholarships to the sons and daughters of Quaker families, did they not have a perfect right to do so? By the same token, is it not presumptious of non-Presbyterian students to take exception to Westminster's commitment to its Presbyterian constituents—as well as to its founders' purpose of providing an education integrated with Christian faith and nuture?

Joseph M. Hopkins
Emeritus Professor of Religion



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MORE OPINIONS FROM AROUND CAMPUS

Explanation of gasonline price increases

Economics club sheds light on frustrating rises in fuel costs

It could be a long summer for vacationers this year. The average price for a gallon of gas in the United States is more than $2.93 per gallon. Some energy experts predict gas prices could soon break the $3.00 barrier, which was surpassed only for a brief period during Hurricane Katrina. As prices continue to skyrocket, political leaders have been scrambling to beat the heat. Many have offered good-natured, though perhaps misguided, solutions to the problem of high prices.

The cost of gasoline is determined primarily by the price of crude oil. Crude oil has risen well into the $70+ per barrel range in recent weeks. Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter, along with Senator Herb Kohl (D-Wisconsin), proposed legislation that would help keep oil (and gasoline) prices under control. The ambitious bill seeks to investigate energy mergers, probe instances of supposed price-fixing and subjugate OPEC to U.S. Antitrust laws. Considering elections are months away, the proposal is well-timed. Unfortunately, such legislation would have a very limited effect on actual gasoline prices. It would merely perpetuate an age-old misconception.

The notion of blaming industries for societal problems is not a new one. People blame McDonald's for their obesity, Philip Morris for their lung cancer and Smith & Wesson for their propensity to do violence to each other. However, greasy fries, cigarettes and handguns are not deadly in their own right; they can become deadly only when placed in the hands (or mouths) of humans. Now, Senators Specter and Kohl are attempting to blame Big Oil for rising gas prices. It would be much more effective to examine those using what Big Oil extracts from the ground. All else constant, it is our demand that drives up fuel prices. Demand, demand, demand! Holding Big Oil solely responsible for these increases in demand is a common misconception that is irresponsible at best.

Consider the variation of gasoline prices across international boundaries. A gallon goes for only 12 cents in Caracas, but costs over $7 in Amsterdam. Of course, comparing these two countries is a bit like comparing apples and oranges. But, nevertheless, the product is essentially the same. So why should there be such price disparity? The answer to this question is complex, but can be simplified to one primary source: government meddling. Hugo Chavez pacifies Venezuelans with subsidized fuel, while the Dutch pay nearly $5 per gallon in taxes alone. In the absence of subsidies and taxes, gasoline prices are generally very similar across the world—averaging about $2 per gallon.

Demand has grown significantly over the past decade. Emerging countries, such as China, are beginning to consume more and more to fuel rapid growth and developed countries continue to consume heavily. Experts predict that future growth in demand will come from North America and Asia. In Europe, demand has remained steady or even declined. Much of this has to do with relatively high fuel prices. While many Americans can barely stomach $3 a gallon, Europeans pay double that without batting an eye. Perhaps the Europeans are on to something? High fuel prices can directly affect demand and reduce consumption.

Per capita consumption in the United States is six times higher than in Europe and has shown no signs of changing. Americans will not trade in their SUVs for small diesel cars until the price of fuel forces them to do so. Low population density and long distances between common destinations create a domestic atmosphere that is less conducive to fuel efficiency. Europe, on the other hand, is a much more ideal location for walking, bicycling and using public transportation. Our small town and small campus are very similar in that respect. That said, very few New Wilmington locals would even consider using a bicycle as a means of short-distance transportation. Many Westminster students continue to drive to the academic buildings from Eichenauer and Hillside.

The legislation proposed by Sen. Specter and Sen. Kohl only furthers a mythical demand-free theory of gasoline pricing. Thus far, we have engaged in considerable discussion regarding the demand for oil/gasoline. The bottom line is that demand for fuel is outstripping supply. And global supply is very vulnerable. A supply disruption could have grave consequences for the United States. International situations such as the war in Iraq, the Iranian nuclear program, political instability in Saudi Arabia and West Africa and even the mood swings of Hugo Chavez are all sources for a potential supply disruption. Hurricane Katrina gave us only a taste of the damaging compound effect of such a disturbance and related panic buying. This cannot be overcome by blaming Big Oil for high prices. Successful legislation must pay homage to the economist and aim to reduce demand. Otherwise, Americans may soon be longing for a $3 gallon of gas.

Ben Nelson, Stefanie Romeo, Carolyn Reasinger
Economics Club

Our View: We've all learned something

The Holcad still does not know the identities of the persons responsible for the theft of more than 1,300 copies of the March 3, 2006 edition.

Student Affairs is conducting an investigation, initially charging two students with "the abridgment of freedom of speech," according to a March 31, 2006 Student Press Law Center news flash. However, Student Affairs said that there are now more than two students under investigation; that this theft may have been a coordinated effort.

Judicial board privacy policy prevents the revealing of information before, during or after a hearing or series of hearings. *The Holcad* cannot be apprised of the proceedings, nor can the Student Publications Board.

College judicial system aside, it it still up to *The Holcad* to decide if it wishes to file criminal charges against the thieves.

Rather than put a black mark on the thieves' permanent record when *The Holcad* is made privy to their identities, we openly ask the thieves to **write a letter of apology** or **compensate us for our losses on the edition**, which amount to $1,747.72.

The letter, if submitted, will be run in the May 5, 2006 edition of *The Holcad*. If the money is submitted before that edition, we will run a story saying that the matter has been resolved and that the thieves wish to remain anonymous.

In *either* case, *The Holcad* will not press charges and will do what it can to end the college judicial process for the case, leaving no mark on the records of those involved.

We, like those involved, want to see this saga come to an end. We seek an public apology from the thieves, hoping that they are man- or woman-enough to take responsibility for their actions.

College is a learning experience—we, the editors of *The Holcad*, have learned more about press law through this ordeal than we'd ever dreamed of knowing. The college administration has continued to listen to students, learning that we're unfortunately in a day and age where every threat has to be taken seriously.

Hopefully, the thieves have learned that censorship by theft is not an effective way of covering up a story—it only serves to make matters worse, adding theft and First Amendment infringements to whatever deeds merited the story in the first place.

Greek week a strain on everyone, not just Greeks

I don't like this week because it breeds dissention on the campus.

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

This week is Greek Week, which for me means two things: there is an abundance of parking spots in Eich during Sing and Swing practice, and that epic games of Frisbee, complete with a dumpy little band, randomly appear outside my window.

The thing I never really understood about this week is that it doesn't seem well received, even by the Greeks. This week is usually filled with tired, surly fraternity and sorority members staggering from building to building complaining about the next activity/Sing and Swing practice.

Independents, by contrast, aren't invited to participate in the events, which makes sense since the name of the week is "Greek Week." The name itself implies that independents aren't going to be included and that they should steer clear of all the Greek reindeer games.

I can't imagine that the school is too fond of this week since a majority of the people who go to the school will be too tired/burnt out/ annoyed to be productive in class. I guess its okay to put higher learning on the backburner for the sake of singing and swinging.

Personally, I don't like this week because it breeds dissention on the campus. It doesn't make sense. We have enough dissention around here as it is. I don't see why we should promote it with a week of pointing out the differences between students.

I'm glad I'm not participating in the games. I have enough stress without them, thank you. Plus, I really have no desire to get on stage and dance to some kind of music genre I didn't listen to back when it was popular. Heck, I have no desire to be at Sing and Swing. The yelling and chanting starts to get to me after 15 seconds or so.

However, I do think that the week needs a little bit of a change. Excluding people like that is no way to breed good relations around campus.

In spirit of this week, I'm going to set up a new rule. People who have last names that start in P are no longer allowed to read this article. Oh wait. Crap.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He would hit a peanut butter jelly with a baseball bat because he hates peanut butter. He lets bananas live because they have not yet offended him.

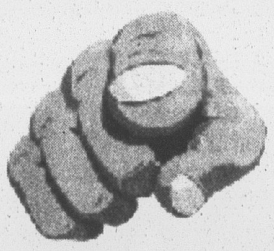
LETTER TO THE EDITORS

New weapons policy a bad idea: criminals cause crime, not knives and compressed air guns

Many of you probably remember from last weeks issue that Westminster is now considering a ban on pellet, BB, air-soft, and any other compressed air gun as well as knives larger than 2.5 inches. Also in the article, two students asked about it felt that it would make our campus safer and would make sure the hit list controversy does not occur. However, they are dead wrong. Last time I checked, air-soft guns and paintball guns don't kill people, and students at Westminster are not running around stabbing each other even though most people I know have at a minimum a Swiss army knife in their dorm. Inanimate objects do not cause crime. Criminals cause crime, and they should be the focus of keeping our campus safe. Also, you may think that the 2.5 inch exception for knives will make your Swiss army knife okay, but I checked and mine would be too long to keep under this proposed policy. Furthermore, larger knives have many non weapon uses while doing things like camping, fishing, hiking, or hunting, but most importantly, this proposed policy will make the campus less safe by eliminating a means of self defense. I distinctly remember an article in *The Holcad* a couple of months ago about a gay man in Philadelphia attacked by four other men simply for his beliefs, and before being beaten to death he pulled out a knife and stabbed a few of them allowing him to get away. An unarmed man can be attacked with much greater confidence than an armed man, and therefore this new policy would open the door for more attacks on students here at Westminster College because criminals would know the we wouldn't even have a pocket knife to fight back with if attacked. Overall, the college makes many policies in the name of the public good such as banning alcohol from campus and now this. However, this is different because owning a knife is a constitutional right protected under the U.S. Constitution and the Pennsylvania Constitution and should not be taken lightly. When colleges go so far as to ignore our constitutional rights, they need to be stopped in their tracks. This is America after all, the land of the free, and so I urge all freedom loving Americans at this college to take five minutes and stop by John Lechner's office, the Dean's office, the President's office, and any other college official's office and let him or her know that you do not agree with this proposed policy.

Kevin Oshnock
Junior

We need you!



The Holcad is still looking for an opinion columnist and a sports writer. Drop an email to holcad@westminster.edu and tell us you're interested!

Opinion Columnist

* Submits a weekly, thought-provoking article of interest to the campus community
* Must be able to express thoughts respectfully and accurately

Sports Writer

* Covers campus sporting events
* May be asked to cover regional or national sporting events
* Assigned stories by the sports editor

The Holcad

Survey!

The Holcad is conducting a survey to find what parts of this year's editions our readers enjoyed. Fill out the survey and drop it in the campus mail to **box 157**. Please send it by Thursday, May 4, 2006.

Where numbered, please circle the number which best expresses your feelings.
1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neutral, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree

1. I read *The Holcad* weekly.

Yes No

2. I read about events of which I had no previous knowledge.

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3. I feel the layout of *The Holcad* is too much like *The (Sharon) Herald*.

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4. I feel the layout of *The Holcad* is too much like a magazine.

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5. The opinion page has articles I find interesting and thought-provoking.

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6. The weather blurb on the front page is useful and handy.

1 2 3 4 5

7. I read the full weather description on the back of the first section.

Yes No

8. I would not be able to function without the weekly horoscopes.

1 2 3 4 5

9. I would not be able to function without the weekly crossword puzzle.

1 2 3 4 5

10. The sudoko puzzle is a great addition to the *The Holcad*.

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11. The font in which the body text is written is easy to read.

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12. The headlines are very indicative of what is in the story below it.

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13. *The Holcad* covers on-campus events thoroughly and objectively.

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14. The news covered on the Outside the Bubble page is interesting and useful to me.

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15. I feel *The Holcad* is too critical of the college and its administration.

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16. I feel that many of the stories covered in *The Holcad* are based on rumor and should not have been printed.

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17. I trust the accuracy and opinions of *The Holcad* as a credible source of news.

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Thank you for completing our survey.
Good luck on finals.

Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Route 956 Road Improvements Underway

PennDOT's spending $914,498 to improve Route 956 (Market Street) in Wilmington Township and New Wilmington. Work crews moved in with heavy construction equipment on Monday. They will resurface, update guide rails, drainage and traffic signals on a nearly three mile stretch running from the traffic light at Route 208 to Mercer Road. Flag crews will reduce parts of the road to a single lane during work that wraps up in August.

Immigrants Behind Local Faster Egg Tradition

A Mercer County woman celebrates the Easter season with intricate Easter Egg decorating passed down from her Ukrainian grandparents. This traditional folk art uses wax and dye to create a colorful feast for the eyes.

Ripped from the Wire

Regional

6 year old dies after running into burning home to find mother

Young girl runs back into fire

STEELTON, Pa. (AP) - A 6-year-old girl who had escaped a house fire early Tuesday ran back inside to find her mother, not realizing the woman had jumped to safety from a second-floor window, police said.

Da-Onah Watts never made it back out alive. Firefighters found her body of under a bed on the second floor of the home, said Mayor Thomas F. Acri.

Officials gave the following account of the fire:

Da-Onah and a 13-year-old cousin were on the first floor when they awoke to see flames at about 12:30 a.m. and ran out of the house. The older girl, Nesha Barely, lost her grip on Da-Onah. Nesha told authorities Da-Onah kept yelling for her mother and went back in the house to try to find her.

By the time two borough police officers arrived, Smith, 29, realized Da-Onah was inside. But the flames, which were so hot they melted the siding on a nearby home, were too intense for the officers to get inside to save the child.

Firefighters did not find her during their first search, said Steelton Fire Chief Gene Vance.

Neighbor Stan Edwards watched a firefighter emerge from a second-floor window in the still-burning house with Da-Onah.

He and another neighbor placed flowers on the spot of grass where firefighters had gingerly placed her.

"It was just so heartwarming," Edwards said. "The way they acted was so reverent."

The home was destroyed, and its charred contents _ including toys _ were piled in the small yard Tuesday afternoon.

Vance said the fire appeared to be accidental and probably started in the laundry room.

National

Rebuilding NYC

World Trade Center site developer agrees, with conditions to latest rebuilding offer

NEW YORK (AP) - The World Trade Center site developer said Tuesday he would agree, with conditions, to let the government oversee construction of the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower and a second skyscraper planned for ground zero.

Larry Silverstein, who holds the lease to millions of square feet of destroyed office space, said he would accept economic terms of the government's latest offer, which would have him build and lease three other towers on the site by 2011.

But he asked for several conditions, including that the site's owner immediately approve the deal. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has a board meeting Wednesday but had proposed waiting until September for final approval.

Janno Lieber, a Silverstein vice president, said Tuesday that work could begin "immediately" if the deal goes through.

Silverstein said that any remaining issues could be resolved "within a matter of days."

"This is about moving the rebuilding forward as quickly as possible in order to revitalize the city's historic downtown," Silverstein wrote top Port Authority executives. The letter said the two sides would still have to work out "logistical issues" with the construction schedule of Freedom Tower.

Port Authority officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

Silverstein, who signed a 99-year lease to the twin towers six weeks before they collapsed in 2001, said he would agree to pay an additional $1.75 billion in rent in exchange for promises to fill more than 1 million square feet of office space at ground zero with federal, state and city leases.

Talks broke down in mid-March when the Port Authority walked out of negotiations, saying Silverstein had asked for too much. Politicians called the developer greedy and Silverstein accused the government of stalling rebuilding. It then took more than a month of internal negotiations between the city and the states of New York and New Jersey before a new proposal was sent to Silverstein last week.

enough.

International

Japan in textbooks

Chinese refuse to change in history textbook coverage of Japan

BEIJING, April 25 - (Kyodo) _ China has ignored suggestions from Japan that Chinese history textbooks cover positive changes that have occurred in Japan since World War II, a Chinese education official indicated Tuesday.

"Regarding our textbooks, the (policy) has been consistent," Education Ministry spokesman Wang Xuming told a monthly press conference. "There haven't been any changes."

Wang declined to say why the required reading for secondary school students in China omits political changes that have occurred in Japan since 1945.

References to Japan in textbooks on modern Chinese history mainly concern Japan's 1931-1945 occupation of Chinese territory and the resistance to Japanese troops led by Communist Party founder Mao Zedong.

Since last year's violent demonstrations against Japan in key Chinese cities, the Japanese Embassy has pointed out that Chinese textbooks omit Japan's postwar history.

Japanese diplomats say they want the Chinese people to learn of the 1947 Constitution in which Japan renounced war, Japan's provision of official development assistance to China and other Asian countries and its international peacekeeping missions under the U.N. mandates.

The embassy's spokesman, Keiji Ide, has said he has suggested to Chinese scholars and publishing houses that they engage in further discussion on the subject.

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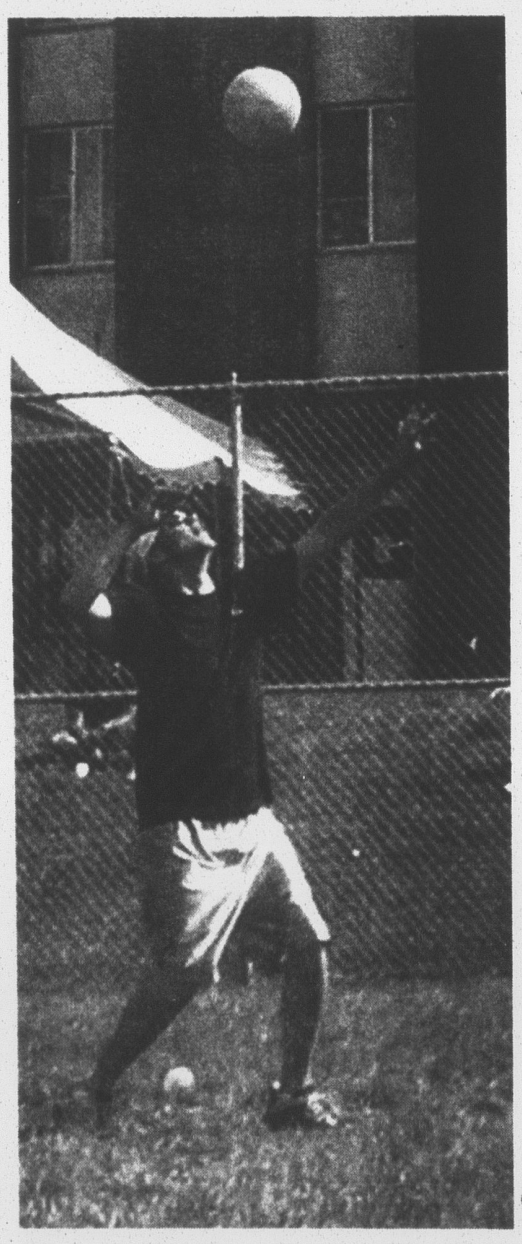

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Campus News

Too much to build?

School explains why we aren't currently in debt

By Katie Frantz
Campus writer

A rumor has been set loose on campus concerning the Berlin Village townhouses and the large sum of funding that is being used for their construction.

The word on campus is that the townhouses are putting Westminster into debt.

According to several knowledgeable sources, the rumor is indeed heresay.

Dean Edman was able to give the honest truth about the issue.

"It is just a rumor. It is all done by outside sources such as alumni and donors, not the students," Edman said.

President R. Thomas Williamson said that many colleges build apartment-style housing for upperclassmen.

"In our case, the Berlin Townhouses and the Thompson house were treated financially as one project," Williamson said. "Half of the project was funded by donors, and the other half was borrowed. We believe this to be a prudent approach."

Another rumor on the loose is the real reason the townhouses are being built; it's to allegedly compete with Grove City and save face.

Grove City does indeed offer the option for students to live in townhouses, but according to Dean Edman, that is not the reason for the construction of Berlin Village.

Edman and the administration were urging for the construction, but President Williamson wanted to ensure that Westminster could sufficiently cover the steep cost without aid from students.

"The construction of Berlin Village does not have to do with Grove City College," Edman said. "Although the Board of Trustees thought it was important to be competitive, we do not compete with them because their cost of tuition is much less than ours."

Other institutions do not often go into debt over the construction of buildings.

According to Dean Edman, apparently there is the exception of Slippery Rock University.

"Slippery Rock University is trying to build a student union, and they might have to pass loans on to their current students," Edman said. "There is the frenzy to make campuses state-of-the-art, beautiful and able to garner students."

Buildings on campus such as McKelvey Campus Center cost millions of dollars to build. McKelvey cost about $14 million to construct, with a $1 million maintenance contract. None of the funding came from students.

"Mr. Andrew McKelvey donated 25 percent of all costs for the student center, which summed up to about $3 million," Edman said.

Although a good amount of the construction costs for buildings on campus come from the named donor, they do not pay for the entire project. Much of the funding is received from alumni, faculty, trustees, students who wish to donate and even donors who wish to remain anonymous.

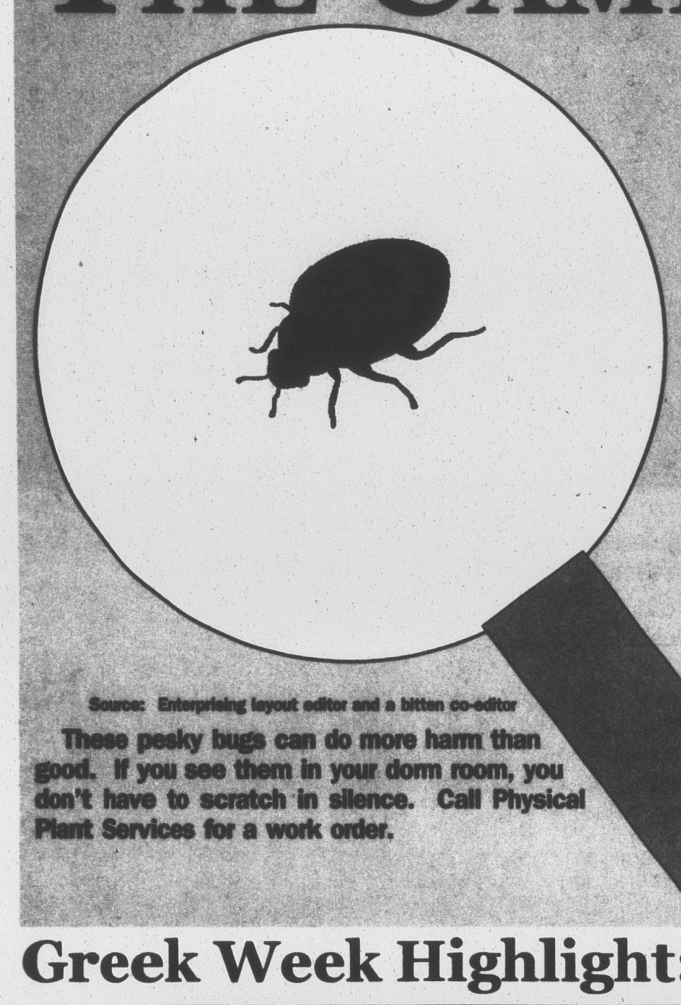
Half of the project was funded by donors, and the other half was borrowed. We believe this to be a prudent approach.
President R. Thomas Williamson

Photo by Katie Chandley

Windows were installed recently.

The Campus Ladybugs

They're really biting red beatles in disguise



Source: Enterprising layout editor and a bitten co-editor

These pesky bugs can do more harm than good. If you see them in your dorm room, you don't have to scratch in silence. Call Physical Plant Services for a work order.

By Hollyann Leach
Campus writer

Now that spring has sprung, students are noticing little red- and black-spotted visitors crawling all around their dorm rooms.

However, these pests are not ladybugs; instead, they are what is more commonly known as Asian beetles. These beetles have created quite a problem with students and are primarily taking residence on window sills, walls,and especially lights.

"Even though they are imitation ladybugs, they are still gross," sophomore Kate Molinaro said.

According to Molinaro, they are indestructible. When the beetles were infesting their room, Molinaro's roommate, sophomore Katie Hammond, took a can of spray to the light, which created a stink of dying insect in the room.

Not only do these beetles smell, but they also bite.

"They bite," Molinaro said. "And I did get bitten in my sleep."

John Becis, exterminator at Akron Pest Co. said nine times out of ten, Asian beetles are the guilty party and not lady bugs. The beetles find their way indoors at the end of the summer/early fall when the weather turns cold. They need to find a warm place, such as a window and door cracks and crevasses to hibernate. Then on an Indian summer day, they start to appear.

"And I did get bitten in my sleep."
Sophomore Kate Molinaro

Becis suggested using a spray insecticide labeled for use of ladybugs in the fall to eliminate the problem.

"So when they wake up in the summer, they don't wake up," Becis said.

It is recommended to call an exterminator to use a professional spray to terminate the problem; however, the next best step is to buy an insecticide spray to kill them yourself.

Ron Pennington, Custodial Supervisor, said if anyone is having pest problems, they should call physical plant, and a work order will be generated.

"What we do is not preventative; it is more reactive," Pennington said.

If physical plant cannot remove the problem with over-the-counter insecticide, and the problem returns, students may call physical plant again, and a professional exterminator will be brought in. Each year physical plant has a contract with some pest control specialist; this year the contract is with Ehrlich J. C. Co., Inc.

Greek Week Highlight:

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Miss Sigma Kappa

Gene Cunningham accompanied by Miss Kial Vidic won the Wednesday Miss Titan Competition. Mr. Cunningham credits his win to keeping his balance in more than four inch heels.

Jeffers
singles to begin

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are in the smallest spaces on campus, but also walking the farthest to reach the center of campus activity.

"I give those girls props for living in such a small space, and I know that once they're on campus, they can't really leave because their rooms are so far away." Irwin said

Jeffers itself has often been at the brunt of campus ridicule due to its secluded location and miniscule room size. The current double occupancy rooms in Jeffers are roughly 9 feet by 10 feet, which is significantly smaller than the other freshman dorm, Shaw Hall, whose rooms measure roughly 11 feet by 14 feet. Also, Jeffers is located on a hill, and is about a five to seven minute trek from anywhere on campus. LeighAnn Jordan, a freshman that lives on the third floor of the dorm has mixed feelings about her experience living in Jeffers.

"Overall, Jeffers is a good place to live, because my hall mates and I are really close and can do lots of things as a group," Jordan said. "Plus, once you get used to it, you find that walking down the hill every day serves as a good work out."

However, Jordan thinks that making the dorms single occupancy is a good idea.

"My only complaint is that my room is just too small for my roommate and I

share, so I'm really happy to know that they will be singles next year," Jordan said.

Also, the third floor that Jordan lives on is a restricted floor, meaning that it has limited visitation and extended quiet hours. According to Mistretta, the floor will no longer be restricted because it will be occupied by upper- class women. It is undecided where the restricted area will be next year.

SGA Notes

SGA minutes 4-27

* There was not a quorum, no business was conducted.

* Emily Herzing gave a brief presentation on Facebook privacy

Let's Do Lunch
with
John Sammons, Parole Officer
PA State Parole, Mercer District

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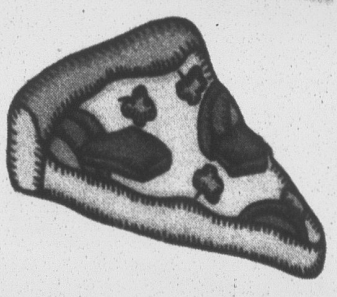

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Campus News

Fire Extinguishers:
Tool of safety or public threat?

By Joseph Knott
Campus writer

...hard alcohol, rotten eggs and Epsom salt. It's the kind of smell that goes with one's first taste of whiskey: it makes you cough hardcore.
Colin Dean

It was a night just like any other for *The Holcad* co-editor Colin Dean. It was around 3 o'clock in the morning. He was relaxing alone in his dorm room, getting ready to go to bed when he heard a giggling sound coming from the area around his door, which was left slightly ajar.

He looked over and saw what appeared to be some sort of mist rising from the corner. Dean had little time to react as the mist soon filled the entire room, covering everything in a thin, yellow layer. Upon closer inspection, Dean discovered someone had emptied a fire extinguisher at the opening of his door.

"It basically looked like snow with a yellow tint to it," Dean said. "It was in everything, everywhere. It was inside the CD drives of our computers - a place I thought to be impregnable. It was inside our desks - anything that wasn't completely sealed. It was even inside my briefcase, which was closed and has a lip to prevent spills from getting inside."

Dean and his roommate, Will Giles, are still recovering from this harrowing experience. The mess mostly cleaned up. Few of their belongings were damaged or destroyed.

"Just about everything is cleaned up, but I still have to call Dell and Antec about some computer parts that might need to be replaced," said Dean. "The room is mostly clean; the physical plant did a pretty good job cleaning [the room] as best they could without touching the personal effects."

But if a fire extinguisher is emptied inside a student's door room, one might wonder if there is any health risk - if the dust is inhaled, for example.

"No," Dean Lechner said. "All [that is in a fire extinguisher] is a dry chemical mixture. It is non - toxic. The most harm it could possibly do is irritate the lungs."

According to Melanie Ripple of the ABC Fire Extinguisher Company in Pittsburgh, the only danger a fire extinguisher has is the possibility of exploding when punctured or exposed to extreme heat, as is the case with any container that is under pressure.

So what exactly is in this dry chemical mixture?

"It's mainly made up of baking soda," said Ripple. The purpose of the chemical is to cut off the oxygen supply to the fire.

But the contents inside the fire extinguisher that Dean discovered in his room also had a yellow coloration and a very repulsive odor. According to Dean, the mist's odor was like a combination of "hard alcohol, rotten eggs, and Epsom salt. It's the kind of smell that goes with one's first taste of whiskey: it makes you cough hardcore."

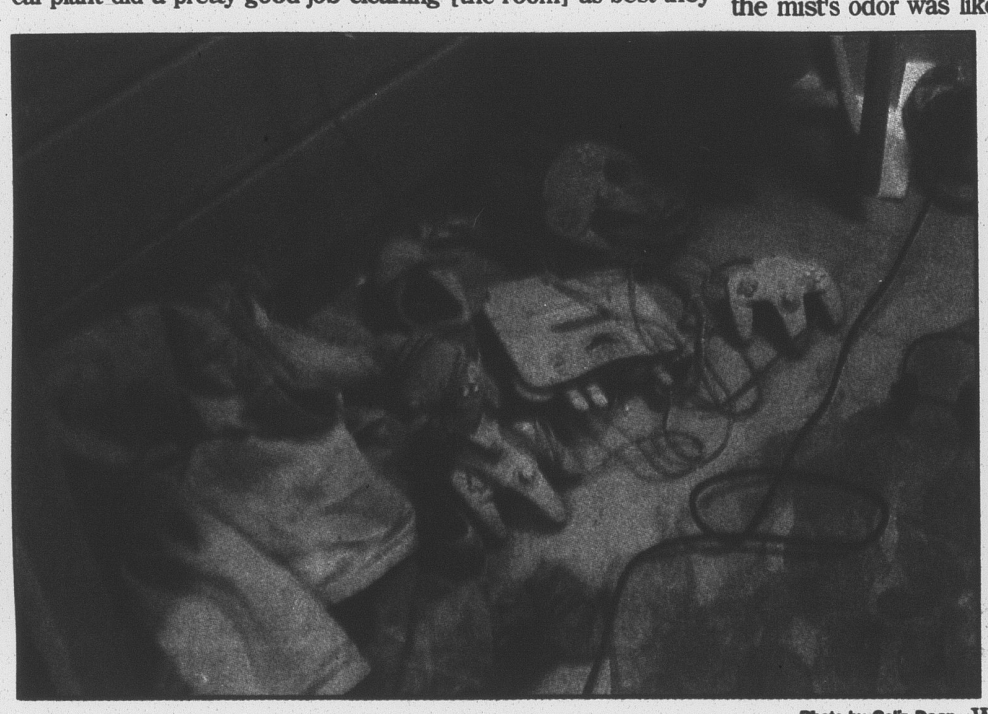
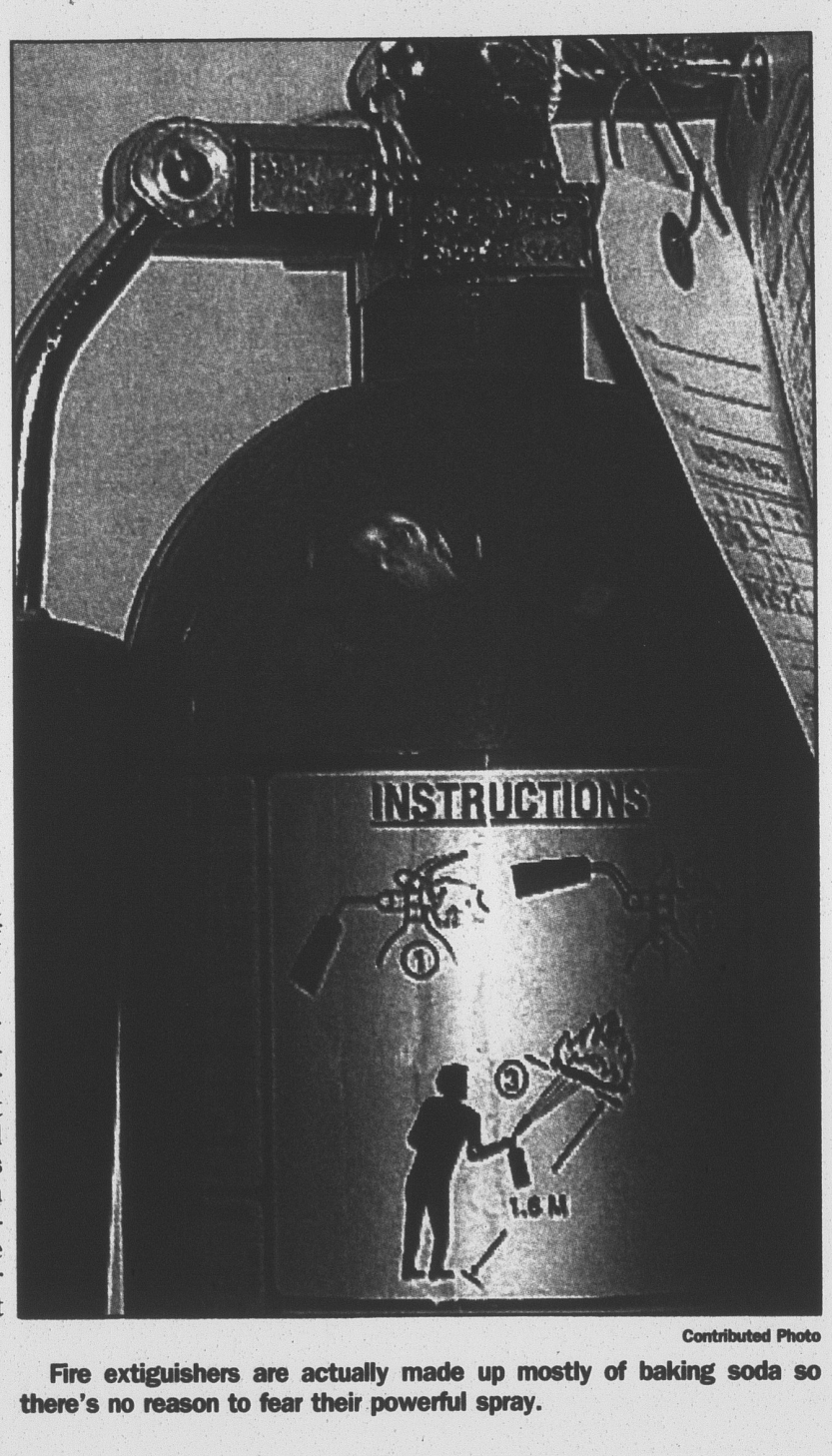


Photo by Colin Dean

This is what Dean's room looked like post-extinguisher spray. Two weeks later, he and his roommate are still determining what needs to be replaced.

This is normal of all fire extinguishers, according to Ripple. The color and odor might lead one to believe that the chemical is outdated and either hazardous to one's health or ineffective when putting out a fire, but it is neither. The chemical mixture Colin saw was neither old nor stale. The physical plant makes sure that the fire extinguishers are kept up to date.

The physical plant is extremely efficient in replacing damaged, defective, or outdated fire extinguishers. Each fire extinguisher is checked annually by venders from White Fire Extinguisher Company. They make sure there are enough fire extinguishers on campus and that they "remain charged and functional" annually, Lechner said.



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Fire extiguishers are actually made up mostly of baking soda so there's no reason to fear their powerful spray.

So those who might someday find themselves in Dean's shoes can breathe a deep sigh of relief as they stare at the wreckage caused by the mist of a fire extinguisher, knowing that despite the sickening odor and appearance, there is no health risk, and the staff at the physical plant will soon be on their way.

Swimming class
Finally revealed why students must swim

By Roxanne Ierino
Campus writer

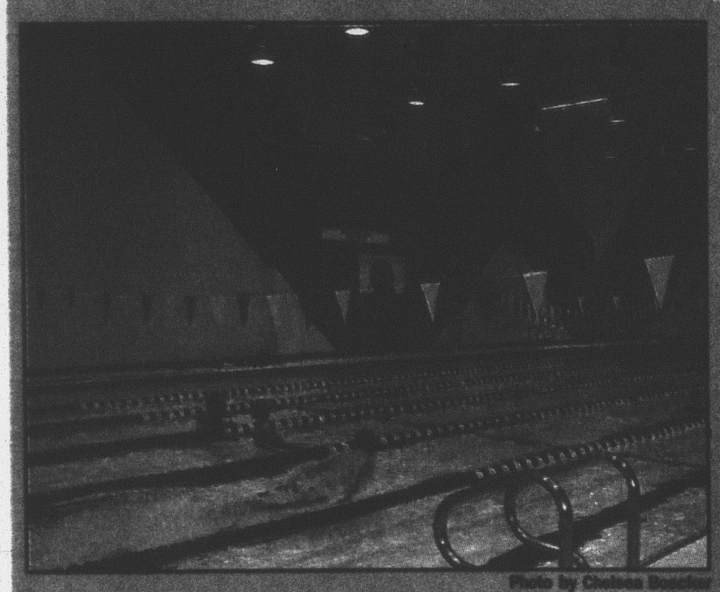

Photo by Chelsea Bleecher

We swim because in the '40s many colleges didn't own a pool. We thought it was pretty cool, so the college started requiring everyone to take a swimming class.

There are a few things one must learn while attending Westminster College; one of them is how to swim.

The swimming requirement at Westminster College is a great way to utilize the facilities, but there is debate whether the requirement is necessary or beneficial.

The ability to swim may have nothing to do with receiving a college education; however, it is associated with receiving a well-rounded liberal arts education, which is what Westminster offers its students.

Scott Renninger, chairperson of the physical education department, is a strong advocate of a liberal arts education.

"A liberal arts education is a well-rounded education," Renninger said. "Students are forced to broaden their abilities."

There are several courses offered that will fill the swimming requirement; there is also a swimming proficiency test that is offered at least twice a year. The extensive options attempt to satisfy each student.

Senior Jessica Holiday is among the students that are not satisfied.

"It doesn't make any sense," Holiday said. "Wouldn't there be a greater chance of people drowning if you make everyone get in the pool?"

Renninger did an excellent job of explaining the benefits of the requirement, and cleared up some discrepancies.

He believes that if students were not required to complete a swimming course, they would miss out on an experience that may benefit them in the future. The purpose of the requirement is to achieve a level of comfort in the water, and have the ability to save oneself if necessary.

"You're not going to be any poorer for the effort," Renninger said. "You're going to be more secure, confident, and open."

After completing lengthy research on the swimming requirement at Westminster, sophomore Erin Cameron gained an understanding.

"The reason that we have it is to teach students an important life skill as well as encourage a healthy lifestyle by doing some sort of physical activity, whether it is swimming or not," Cameron said.

The swimming requirement has been implemented since the 1940s. The use of the old swimming pool, which is located under the dance studio of Old 77, was encouraged by faculty because most schools did not have the luxury of a swimming pool on campus. Faculty has since continued to promote the utilization of the swimming facilities.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday						
High	High 67	High 63	High 63	High 63	High 64	High 59
Low	Low 39	Low 43	Low 46	Low 44	Low 40	Low 36
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sun mixing with clouds	Clouds and breaks of sun	Times of sun and clouds	Overcast	Partly sunny

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:23 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Saturday	6:22 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Sunday	6:21 a.m.	8:17 p.m.
Monday	6:19 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Tuesday	6:18 a.m.	8:19 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Friday	6:34 a.m.	9:49 p.m.
Saturday	7:10 a.m.	11:04 p.m.
Sunday	7:54 a.m.	none
Monday	8:46 a.m.	12:11 a.m.
Tuesday	9:46 a.m.	1:08 a.m.

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 5	May 13	May 20	May 27

Weather History

State College, Pa., was buried by 20 inches of snow on April 28, 1928. The train from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia was blocked for two days.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	62	36	s	66	41	s	65	46	s	64	47	pc	64	45	c
Butler, PA	61	33	pc	66	38	s	63	45	s	63	47	pc	63	44	pc
Cambridge, OH	64	35	s	70	43	s	64	48	s	65	46	pc	66	43	c
Canton, OH	62	35	s	67	41	s	65	45	s	64	46	pc	63	44	c
Cincinnati, OH	72	47	s	72	49	pc	64	51	t	64	48	t	66	47	sh
Clarion, PA	57	32	pc	65	36	s	62	42	s	60	42	pc	62	42	pc
Clarksburg, WV	64	35	s	69	44	s	70	47	s	65	47	pc	65	44	c
Cleveland, OH	58	38	s	66	42	s	63	46	s	60	48	pc	64	46	pc
Columbus, OH	68	42	s	71	47	s	71	50	pc	65	48	c	67	48	c
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Sports

Lady Titan Softball on fire

By Brandon Phillian
Campus Writer

As spring fades into summer the weather outside continues to get hotter and so do the Lady Titans. Winners of 10 of their last 11 contests, the Lady Titans have caught fire at just the right time.

With their impressive and unprecedented streak, the Lady Titans find themselves at an overall record of 19-15 and currently sit in second place in the PAC. Last week's sweeps of Thiel and Penn State-Altoona, along with a Washington and Jefferson split, have put the Lady Titans in position to win the PAC regular season title and host the highly coveted PAC championship tournament.

Jennifer Pancake, junior pitcher, said, "We needed to win the Thiel and W&J games to keep our chances alive for hosting the PAC tournament."

"We have turned our season around. It has been an incredible run over the past two weeks to put ourselves in contention for hosting the PAC tournament," said Karisa Nilsen, senior outfielder.

The Lady Titans are in contention for hosting the PAC tournament. However, they do not control their own destiny.

In order for the PAC tournament to be played on Titan turf, a number of events must take place.

First and foremost, the Lady Titans must do their part by sweeping their doubleheader date with Waynesburg on Saturday. In addition to this, Waynesburg must also take at least one game from current PAC leader Thomas More.

If this happens, then there is a tie between the Lady Titans and Thomas More. In order to break the tie, first place will be awarded by looking at both teams' records against a common opponent, in this case Hiram.

When asked about this scenario, Maryalice Skinner, senior catcher, said, "We just hope to sweep Waynesburg and take the PAC. Bottom line: just win!"

Given the circumstances, the stakes of the Waynesburg game are bigger than ever.

"We need to keep up our intensity and go out and kick butt. We need a sweep to ensure that the worst we would finish is second place," said Pancake.

Nilsen also summarizes the game's importance: "Waynesburg will be the biggest game of the year because it could ultimately decide who hosts the PAC tournament."

As the Lady Titans travel to Waynesburg on Saturday, the Lady Jackets better hope for a cold day. The Lady Titans are now accompanied by a sign that reads, "Caution: Flammable," and at this point in the season, after taking 10 of their last 11, it is officially safe to say, "The Lady Titans are on fire."

Titans in motion

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Lindsay Egg flies through the air with the greatest of ease at the Titan Invitational last weekend.

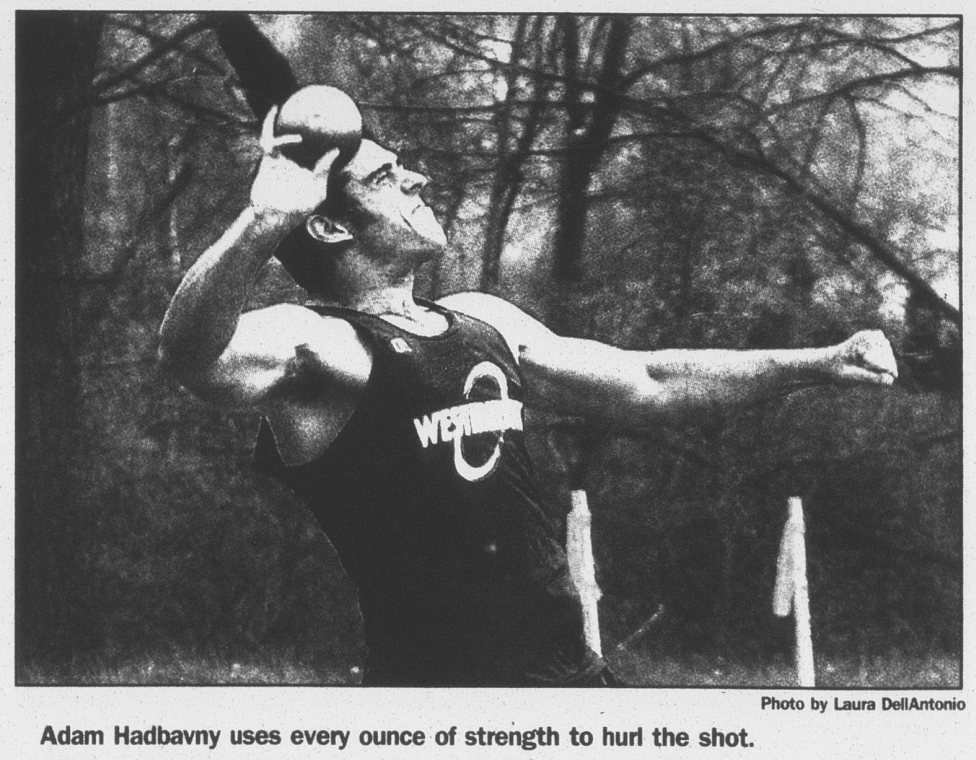

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Adam Hadbavny uses every ounce of strength to hurl the shot.

Fun-filled field day

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

If you saw elementary school children running around campus last Friday, trying their hands at every sport from cross country to softball, you caught a glimpse of Westminster's first field day.

On Friday, April 21, the Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) held a community outreach event for local 4th graders from New Wilmington Elementary School.

"We decided to do field day after talking about it for about two years in SAAC," said junior and president of SAAC Pat Smith. "At the beginning of this year, we talked about wanting to do a large community service project, and this seemed like a good idea."

More than 120 children from different 4th grade classes attended the event that was run by volunteers from each of the ten varsity sports on campus. The event was in the field house and the surrounding areas including the track, football field, and baseball field.

"Almost every detail of this event was organized and executed by members of the Westminster SAAC who enlisted many of their teammates to provide necessary assistance," said Jim Dafler, Director of Athletics.

In the morning, each class or "team" of students was given different colored T-shirts to wear as they rotated through volleyball, tennis, cross country, soccer and football stations. After eating pizza on the bleachers for lunch, the children progressed through stations for basketball, golf, track, swimming and baseball/softball.

The enthusiasm and excitement of the fourth graders exceeded all expectations. Boys and girls alike were more than thrilled to be a part of something planned and organized by college students.

"The feedback from the 4th-grade teachers and students who participated was extremely positive," Dafler said.

Many of the teachers expressed appreciation not only for the opportunity given to their students, but also for the exhaustion and diminished energy levels of the kids after a long day on the field.

"I couldn't be more proud of the SAAC representatives and all of the other student-athletes who worked to make this community outreach activity a success," Dafler said.

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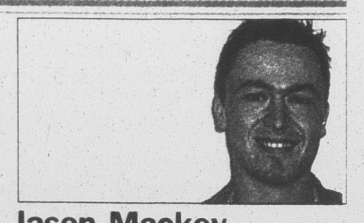
Westminster athletes run field day for Wilmington Elementary students as a community outreach.



Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

A Changing Game

Barry Bonds is on pins and needles, as the over-inflated slugger tries to improve on his early season home run total of one. Alright, maybe just pins.

Meanwhile, in a heated home run race, Bonds trails Cincinnati Reds' pitcher Bronson Arroyo by a single dinger. Go get 'em Barry!

Hitting .229, with a mere two RBI, Bonds still reaches base 53% of the time; a statistic obviously attributed to the lack of pitches that are thrown his way.

That being said, here's one of the points to my otherwise pointless rambling: Throw the ball over the plate and let him hit it!

If a 41-year-old man is hitting .229 – I don't care if he's the reincarnation of Ty Cobb, Ted Williams, Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio – give him something to hit.

Major League Baseball has recently upped the ante on the "War on Steroids," and it seems like Barry Bonds shouldn't have limped into it.

Bonds is over-the-hill and finally, like many other pros, off the juice.

But are hitters the only ones that weren't doing a little more than the occasional push up in order to bulk up? When prodded about the current state of baseball, Houston Astros' first-basemen, Lance Berkman, offered interesting insight.

"Everybody wants to talk about the hitters being juiced. Nobody even really thinks about the pitchers," he said.

"Before, they were throwing 95 mph, but now they're throwing 90. It's going to be a whole different feel."

I don't believe any statistics have been calculated that compare this year's average fastball to that of 2005. However, it's a number that would certainly be worth looking at.

The game has changed. The home runs are still flying, but I doubt I'm the only one who finds it more than a little ironic that Barry Bonds' numbers have decreased significantly with the eventful offseason that was had by the San Francisco superstar.

A book was released by a pair of San Francisco Chronicle reporters, titled Game of Shadows, that dutifully recounts several instances in which Bonds appears seriously guilty of using performance-enhancing drugs.

Finally the juice box is empty, and hopefully justice will be served. Will Bonds catch Babe Ruth's record of 714 career home runs? Will he dare chase Hank Aaron's career mark of 755?

Only time will tell, but my money says that Bonds' better days may be lost in Victor Conti's gym bag somewhere west of San Francisco.

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A&E Arts & Entertainment

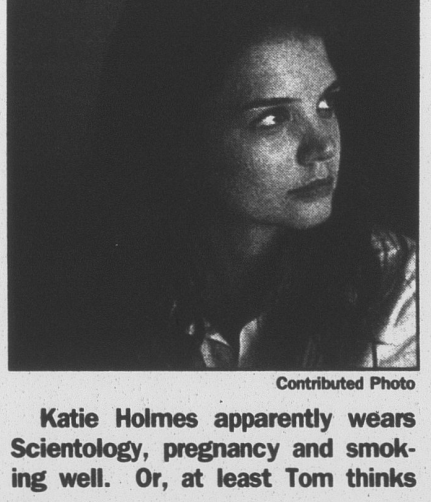
Thank You for ...Smoking?

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Some people are good at fixing things. Others are good at breaking things, like me. And also like me, some people are good at talking. Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart) is very good at talking. He could probably talk you into believing that the rise is gas prices are ultimately benefiting us.

Our main character in *Thank You for Smoking* is Nick Naylor, a warm, divorced and handsome lobbyist for the Academy of Tobacco Studies. He greets his hateful fans with a smile and a plan to convince them that the 15-year old dying of lung cancer is the tobacco industry's worst nightmare. After all, he says, "It is in our best interest to keep Robin (AKA "cancer boy") alive and smoking."

Nick's life is surrounded by colorful characters; he dines once a week with his best friends, the MOD squad ("Merchants of Death," as they like to be called). They are alcohol lobbyist Polly Bailey (Maria Bello), and firearms lobbyist Bobby Jay Bliss (David Koechner). Over wine and American food, they argue over which of their products kills more people. Despite what it seems, they are not evil people; they are just people trying to pay the mortgage who happen to be highly entertaining.



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Katie Holmes apparently wears Scientology, pregnancy and smoking well. Or, at least Tom thinks so.

Nick's career takes him on many different roads. His son, Joey, who appreciates his dad's cynical take on life, accompanies him on a few trips and perfects his debating skills. In LA, Nick convinces a big-shot movie executive (Rob Lowe) to start having actors smoke on screen again, like the good ol' days of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. He also travels to the California ranch of a former Marlboro Man (Sam Elliot), who is dying of lung cancer. Mr. Marlboro Man's recent diagnosis has led him to speak out against Big Tobacco, so Nick's job is to not bribe him with millions of dollars of not bribe money. While Nick is trying to be discreet, sexy reporter (Katie Holmes) is trying to unearth some dirty secrets about Big Tobacco's favorite spokesman.

The Captain (Robert Duvall) is the esteemed old head of Big Tobacco who learned to crush mint julep leaves from Fidel Castro. He's everything you would ever expect out of a Southern tobacco millionaire. Nick's opponent in the film is Vermont Senator Ortolan Finistirre (William H. Macy), who decorates his desk with various decorative maple syrup bottles. He is trying to pass a bill in Congress that will force tobacco companies to put a skull and crossbones symbol on cigarettes, as opposed to the written warning.

Macy is one of my favorite actors-my favorite role of his being in Fargo-and this appearance ranks right up there. He has a lovable and laughable quality, like when Nick refutes one of Finistirre's accusations of cigarettes' deadly effects by saying that cheese clogs the arteries of America with cholesterol, and that maybe Vermont should put skulls and crossbones on cheese packages. A flustered Finistirre retorts, "The state of Vermont will not apologize for its cheese!"

The best thing about this film is that it's not a satire or a spoof, but a stylized comedy. It reminded me of Nicholas Cage in The Weatherman, but not as bittersweet. The dialogue is witty, and the style of the film is so rare lately. The funny thing is, not one person lights a cigarette the entire movie. The sometimes dark humor relays the point of the film without bashing the audience over the head with misguided anger or mindless comedy. It's as American as frozen apple pie.

Rating: A

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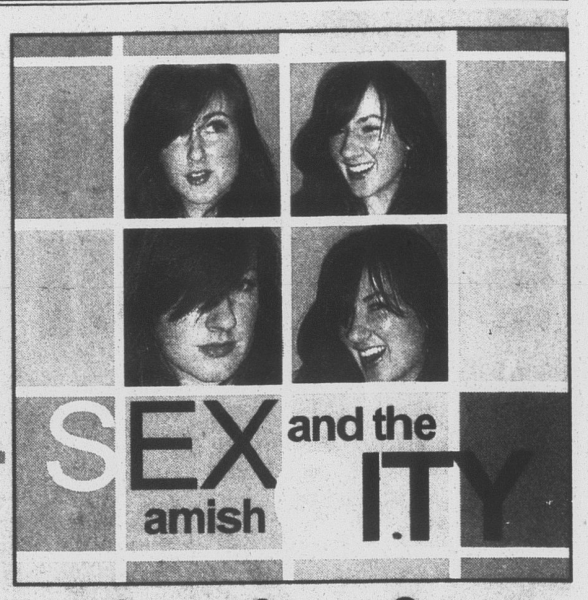

Laura's guidelines for making the world more harmonious... for couples and singles

Well Westminster, you have failed me. Speed Dating fell through, when only four brave souls came for some dating spice. What the crap were you all doing on Friday night at eight? Sitting in your dorm rooms staring at one another? You better have been doing something productive like finding the cure to cancer. That would be the only good excuse to miss this event. Alas, Westminster is loveless once again.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on last April. I found the following tasty, little gem of a Holcad article on my computer from last year. Read on to discover how things never change.

One of my features articles, circa April 2005)

Spring is in the air, and so is love apparently. It seems like when the sun finally comes out in western PA, things get crazy. Relationships are blooming along with the flowers in the gardens. And single people are feeling all the more single. While couples frolic through fields of daisies, those without a mate are left to be alone and get awkwardly hit on by folks in the Home Depot parking lot.

In order for this beautiful spring time to be a wonderful experience to all, I have prepared some tips for those in relationships and those not in relationships, so we can all live harmoniously and what not. Read on, being the sage of all things love related, I think I have cooked up some fabulous guidelines.

How to be in a relationship (and not be obnoxious)

No one cares how much you miss your boy/girlfriend. Have you seen this person within the last 24 hours? Yes? Then cut the crap. Maybe you should spend more time finding a life and less time pining for your significant other you saw at lunch.

Refrain from using any form of the words 'baby' and 'honey' in reference to each other in public. No sound has ever been created that is more mind-numbing than a couple cooing those pet names. (Kenny G's smooth jazz remix of Outkast's 'The Way You Move' takes a close second.)

Stop talking to your significant other incessantly on the phone. You may think this is cute in a "we can't live without hearing each other's voices" way, but you are also delusional.

No baby voices. This actually isn't directed to those in relationships, but rather society as a whole. Every time someone speaks in a baby voice, somewhere a puppy (something that is actually cute) dies.

Use discretion with P.D.A. Please draw the line somewhere between hand-holding and "We should be investing 10 dollars on a visit to a motel with soiled linens and stained carpet." Lean more towards the hand-holding if you would be so kind. Another general rule: don't participate in any sort of making out in front of small children and the elderly.

How to survive singleness

Don't settle. It might be tough being a one in this world of twos, but it still beats explaining to your friends and family why your boy/girlfriend forgets your name, sells scooters out of the back of a van, and wears a shirt that reads: "I eat babies."

Keep your money, and avoid the books about how to be awesome and single at the same time. First of all, there is a great chance that you will only feel worse about being single since the book was most likely written by a single person close to the age of death, proving that you could be single for about 50 more years. Also, you will continue to remain single if you spend your time reading books and not talking to people. Boo to literacy.

Girls: try to avoid putting lyrics or quotes in your IM away messages and profiles that are about your future love. Example: "he's out there!" or "I'm waiting for your love!" You are right, he is out there. But once he caught a glimpse of that garbage in your profile, he ran to a safer distance further away from your inane romantic thoughts.

Have hope. Sure, you are alone now, but somewhere down the line, a new love will find you. And gosh, think of the people in the relationships that are actually going to last. The exciting part of falling in love is done, now all they have to look forward to is mortgages. Looks like you, single person, are the winner.

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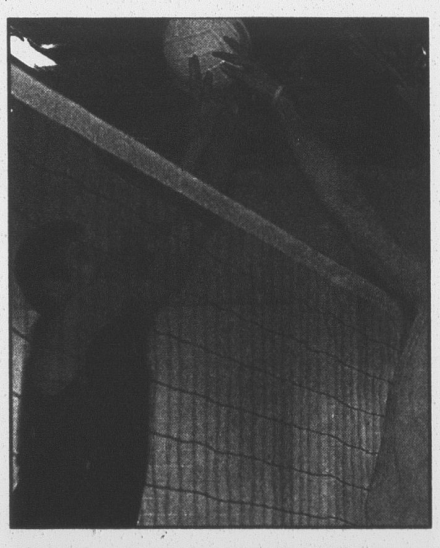
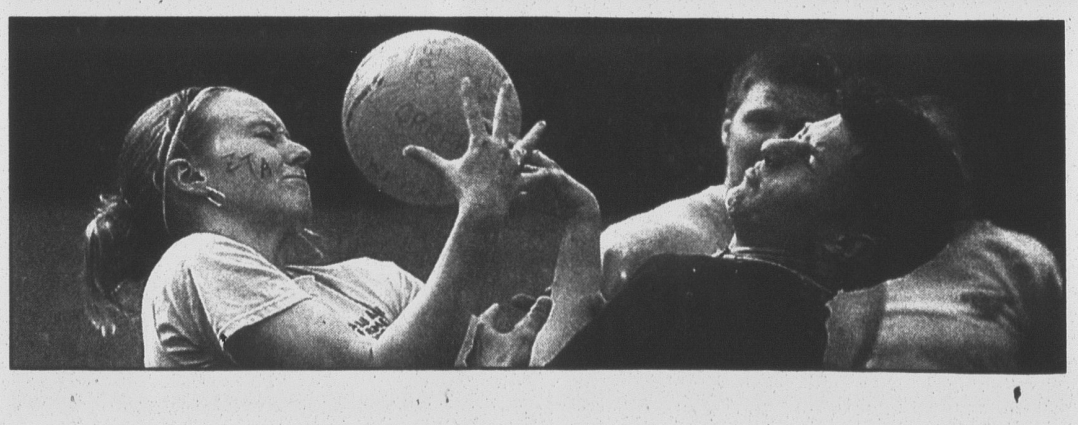
Greek Week Highlights





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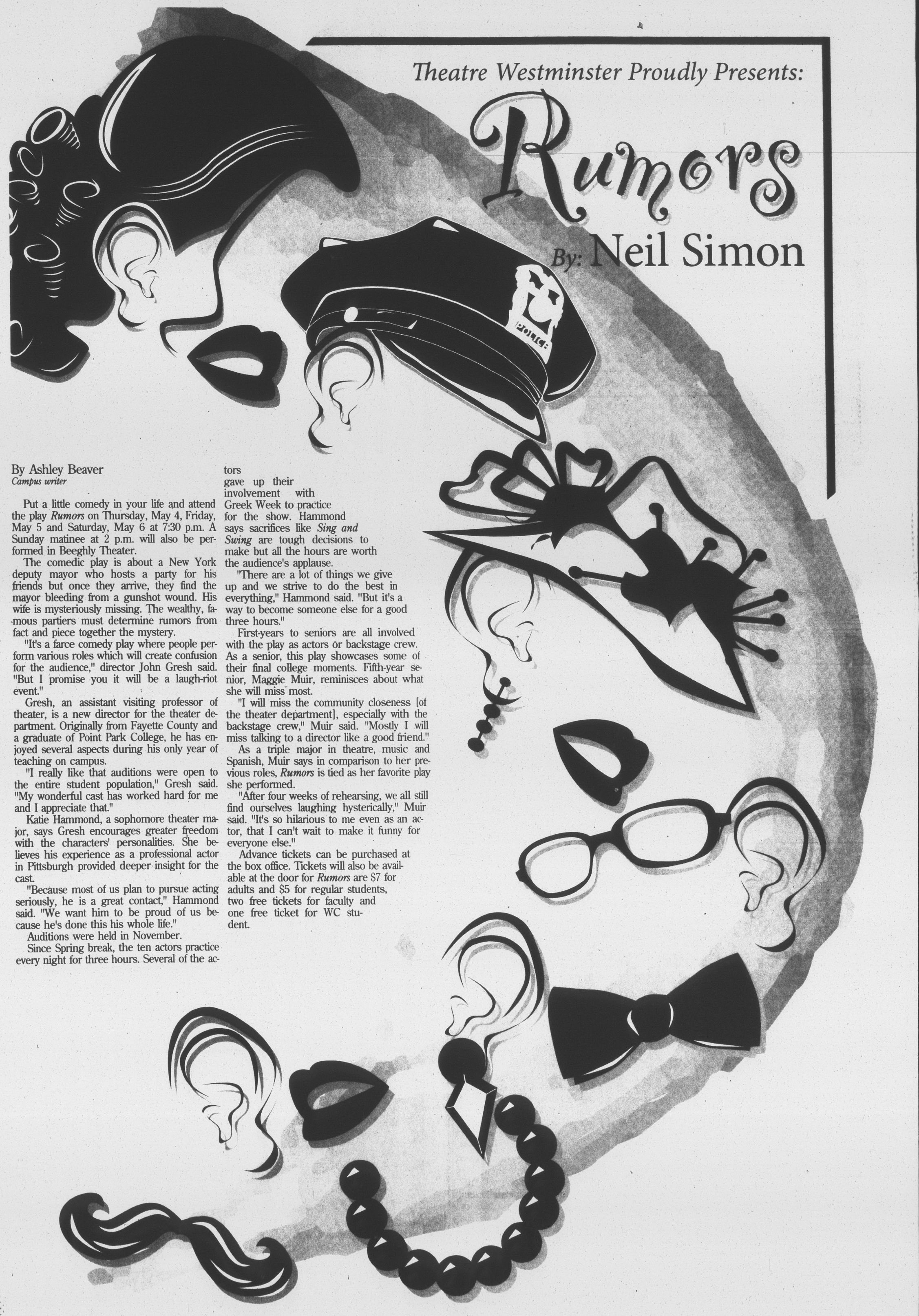
Have you heard the *Rumors*?

Theatre Westminster's production opens May 4



By Ashley Beaver
Campus writer

Put a little comedy in your life and attend the play *Rumors* on Thursday, May 4, Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. will also be performed in Beeghly Theater.

The comedic play is about a New York deputy mayor who hosts a party for his friends but once they arrive, they find the mayor bleeding from a gunshot wound. His wife is mysteriously missing. The wealthy, famous partiers must determine rumors from fact and piece together the mystery.

"It's a farce comedy play where people perform various roles which will create confusion for the audience," director John Gresh said. "But I promise you it will be a laugh-riot event."

Gresh, an assistant visiting professor of theater, is a new director for the theater department. Originally from Fayette County and a graduate of Point Park College, he has enjoyed several aspects during his only year of teaching on campus.

"I really like that auditions were open to the entire student population," Gresh said. "My wonderful cast has worked hard for me and I appreciate that."

Katie Hammond, a sophomore theater major, says Gresh encourages greater freedom with the characters' personalities. She believes his experience as a professional actor in Pittsburgh provided deeper insight for the cast.

"Because most of us plan to pursue acting seriously, he is a great contact," Hammond said. "We want him to be proud of us because he's done this his whole life."

Auditions were held in November.

Since Spring break, the ten actors practice every night for three hours. Several of the actors gave up their involvement with Greek Week to practice for the show. Hammond says sacrifices like *Sing and Swing* are tough decisions to make but all the hours are worth the audience's applause.

"There are a lot of things we give up and we strive to do the best in everything," Hammond said. "But it's a way to become someone else for a good three hours."

First-years to seniors are all involved with the play as actors or backstage crew. As a senior, this play showcases some of their final college moments. Fifth-year senior, Maggie Muir, reminisces about what she will miss most.

"I will miss the community closeness [of the theater department], especially with the backstage crew," Muir said. "Mostly I will miss talking to a director like a good friend."

As a triple major in theatre, music and Spanish, Muir says in comparison to her previous roles, *Rumors* is tied as her favorite play she performed.

"After four weeks of rehearsing, we all still find ourselves laughing hysterically," Muir said. "It's so hilarious to me even as an actor, that I can't wait to make it funny for everyone else."

Advance tickets can be purchased at the box office. Tickets will also be available at the door for *Rumors* are $7 for adults and $5 for regular students, two free tickets for faculty and one free ticket for WC student.

More News from around the campus

Filesharing defense

Sony claimed students were illegally downloading

SONY

By Bill Quigley
Campus writer

I told [Sony], 'If you can pull a file off of our network, call me back,' and they never did.
Telecommunications /network engineer Don Goodlin

Sony contacted the college two years ago with claims that students were distributing music illegally to off-campus computers, but telecommunications/network engineer Don Goodlin denied the allegations.

According to Goodlin, the college's policy does not allow uploading to file-sharing services. TitanNET is configured to prevent uploading, so Sony's accusations were and still are theoretically impossible.

"I told them, 'If you can pull a file off of our network, call me back,' and they never did," Goodlin said.

While it is possible to connect to some file-sharing services during certain parts of the day and download music from them, downloading does not concern media giants like Sony and the Record Industry Association of America.

Currently, one may download music that he or she already owns, having purchased the album, without fear of copyright infringement. Media corporations generally target individuals sharing (uploading) thousands of songs through services such as LimeWire and BearShare.

Restrictions on file-sharing–and specifically uploading–are in place on campus not only to conserve bandwidth, but also to prevent students from breaking a law that they may not even know exists.

The college has considered legal solutions to the file-sharing issue, but as of yet, no definite plans are in place.

One such idea is a central music server that would require students to pay a small fee to share their music libraries with the campus community and download music from other students doing the same. The college would then use the money collected to pay record labels for distribution of the song files.

"I could see a program where students could select what folders they want to share, and the program uploads a list of files to a central server," junior Colin Dean said. "This central server then coordinates searches and file transfers and can be controlled by Information Systems, which could limit the network usage so that other services, like the Web, e-mail and games wouldn't suffer."

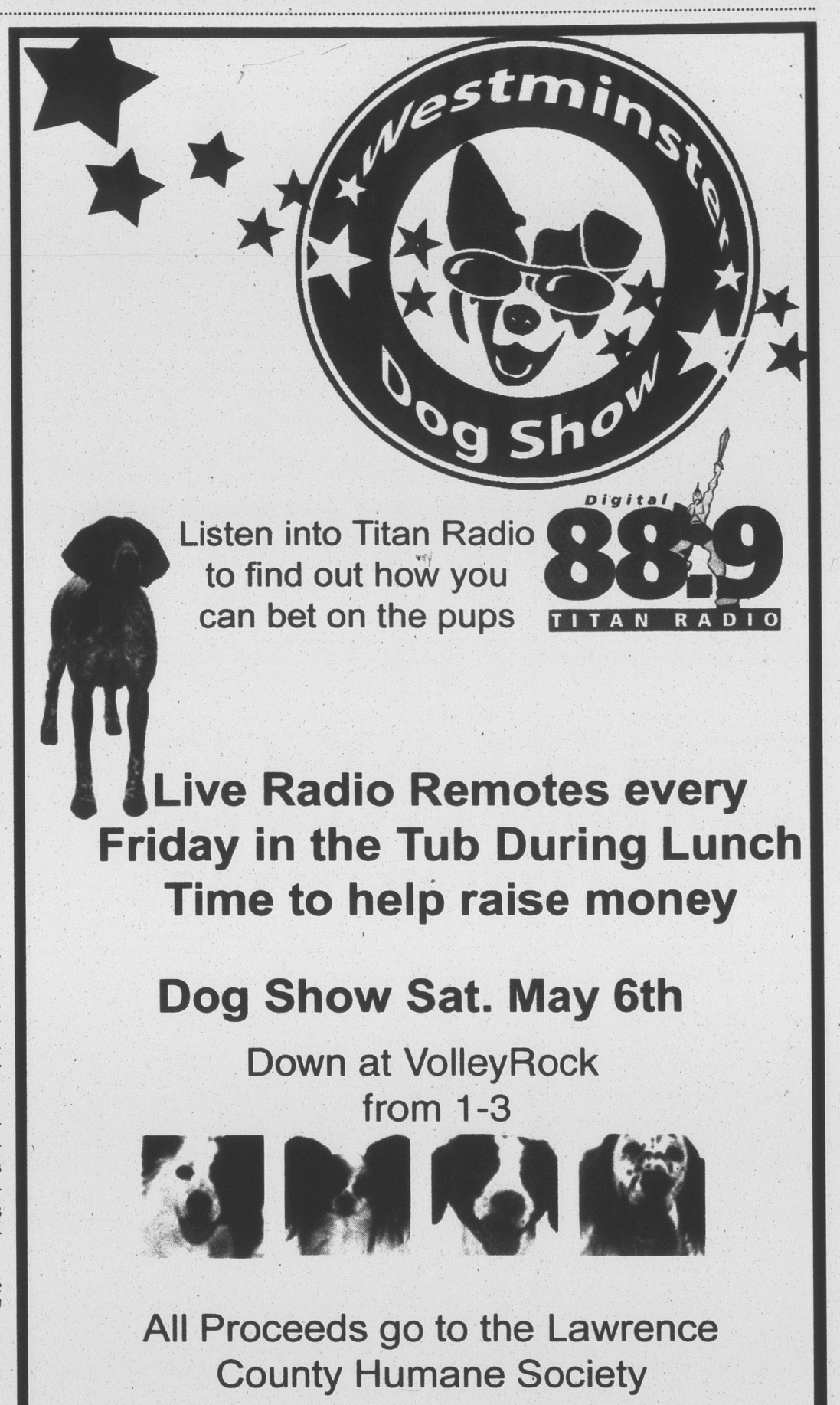
Another possibility is simply allowing students to connect to paid services like Napster and iTunes.

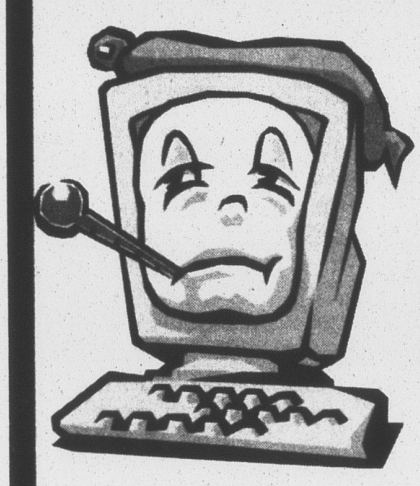
In either case, issues such as legality and bandwidth must be taken into consideration. Goodlin said that network access for necessary academic and business purposes takes priority over file-sharing.

No time estimate exists for any proposed course of action. Allowing unrestricted access to paid services might be very bandwidth intensive, and configuring a centralized server would require a lot of work.

According to Goodlin, current projects such as the installation of wireless access campus-wide will be completed before Information Systems considers any major file-sharing solutions.

"It's been a long time since we've even discussed it," Goodlin said.

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Women's Golf at PAC Championship in Wheeling, WV
Greek Week
Men's Golf at PAC Championship in Wheeling, WV
8:00 AM- 4:00 PM Parking Decals Sold to Next-Year's Seniors and Juniors - MCC Info Desk
9:00 AM- 6:00 PM Arbor Day Week Tree Plantings - College Field Station/Outdoor Lab
4:00 PM Baseball vs. Grove City (H)
4:15 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Board Meeting - MCC 255
7:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Ariel Mickle - Wallace Memorial Chapel

April 29, 2006
8:00 AM- 10:30 AM Undergraduate Research Symposium - Hoyt Science Center
9:00 AM- 6:00 PM Arbor Day Week Tree Plantings
11:00 AM Spring Honors Convocation - Orr Auditorium
11:00 AM Westminster Hosts Men's and Women's Track and Field PAC Championship Meet
1:00 PM Baseball at Grove City
1:00 PM Softball at Waynesburg
6:00 PM Mass -TIME CHANGE- Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Sing 'n' Swing - Orr Auditorium

April 30, 2006
1:00 PM Arbor Day Week Tree Plantings
3:00 PM Faculty Saxophone Recital: James Flowers - Orr Auditorium
7:00 PM Senior Vespers - Wallace Memorial Chapel

May 01, 2006
9:00 PM Scrawl Information Meeting for Interested Students - MCC Conference Room Near Scrawl Office

May 02, 2006
4:00 PM Farewell Party for Keturah Laney - Old Main Tower Room
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Coed Softball Tournament - Practice Soccer Fields
4:00 PM Test Anxiety Workshop - Thompson-Clark 210
7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: Ladies in Lavendar, MCC Mueller Theater

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11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Peggy Cox, "The Artful Dodger" - MCC Mueller Theater
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Coed Softball Tournament - Practice Soccer Fields
7:30 PM Women's and Men's Choruses Concert - Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship - MCC Club/Lounge

May 04, 2006
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room Drawing for First-Year Women - MCC Witherspoon Maple
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Coed Softball Tournament - Practice Soccer Fields
4:00 PM Chapel Office's Work Trip Presentation - MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Double Room Drawing for First-Year Women - MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:00 PM SGA Meeting - MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Mortarboard Meeting - MCC 255
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Rumours, a Neil Simon comedy - Beeghly Theater

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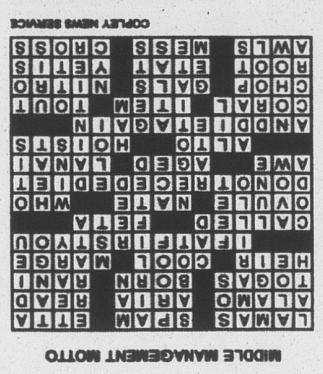

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Communication or transportation issues will come to the foreground. Make sure you have several options for delivering a message or arriving on time at an important destination.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Check your pay stubs, receipts or other financial documents for possible inconsistencies or mistakes. You should notice a small increase in your income.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Position yourself for what promises to be a fabulous streak of good luck. Get into the mainstream of life and spread your laughter and positive energy.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Your intuition is extremely strong during this forecast period. Information that comes from your subconscious should be used as much as possible.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): The ball is in your court when it comes to emotional expression. Do something special to show a longtime friend just how much you cherish your relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You have a tendency to be somewhat indulgent, especially with domestic matters or family members. Do not beat yourself up about it. Relax and enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Curb your enthusiasm and take a more practical approach to presenting your ideas. You will gain more respect and credibility with a logical explanation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Living financially adventurous, unpredictable or unconventional is a definite plus this week. Gather your courage and gamble on a long shot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Lay the groundwork for a happy and wholesome relationship experience. Strive to maintain an equal balance of give and take between you and your loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Enjoy a variety of work or job-related assignments that will take you away from your routine. Show up on time and ready to venture out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Excitement, fun and laughter are on tap for you on the social scene. Bravely journey outside of your customary activities and explore the unknown.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Take steps to avoid what could be a highly emotional and toe-tingling ride. Review your thoughts and feelings and make sure your heart is in the right place.

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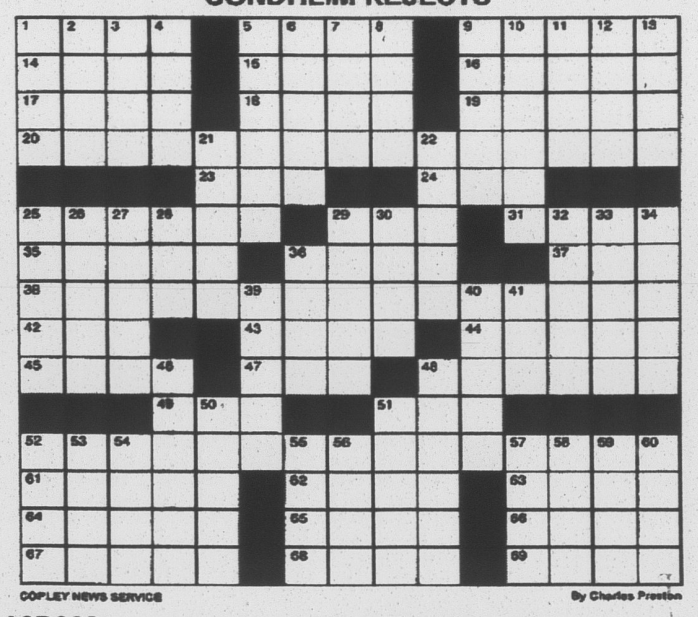

ACROSS

1 Somewhat
5 Food preservative?
9 Loses it
14 Kind of duck
15 Socks
16 Ditto
17 Let my people go, e.g.
18 Ooh, gross!
19 Expert
20 Heard at an Elvis look-alike contest
23 Derek and Diddley
24 Visitor from Melmac
25 Shocked and amazed
29 Lender's letters
31 Tinhorn's game
35 Gettysburg victor
36 In two parts, musically
37 Terhune canine
38 Hula instructor's assurance
42 Where grass roots
43 Sets one's sights
44 Passed out
45 Snitched
47 Hwys. and byways
48 Strike zones
49 Pack animal
51 Short way to go
52 Pre-discipline directive
61 Not at all
62 "East of Eden" son
63 Art study
64 Tropical fruit
65 Like Albee's Alice
66 Encore, country style
67 Word of welcome
68 Bud holder
69 Comes by

DOWN

1 Yodeler's range
2 Scheherazade specialty
3 The last word
4 Wanted poster option
5 Let's!
6 Mops the floor with
7 Author Sholem
8 Diminutive dog
9 Pint-size
10 Went first
11 Transcontinental hwy.
12 Sulk
13 They lead a lush life
21 "Ghosts" writer
22 Seven-time American League batting champion
25 Rack up
26 Simon Boccanegra setting
27 "The Creation creator"
28 "Oklahoma!" Annie
29 "Dilbert" cartoonist
30 20 Across, 38 Across, and 52 Across
32 Kelp beds, essentially
33 Tennis term
34 "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
36 Beginning to rain?
39 Center of gravity
40 Shirked work
41 Get set
46 Rut
48 It's assumed
50 Doing battle
51 Eremite's companion?
52 Picnic playwright
53 Subject matter?
54 Just one of those things
55 It's what's for dinner
56 Court order
57 Whitewater hazard
58 Really big
59 Change for the better, perhaps
60 Bear necessities

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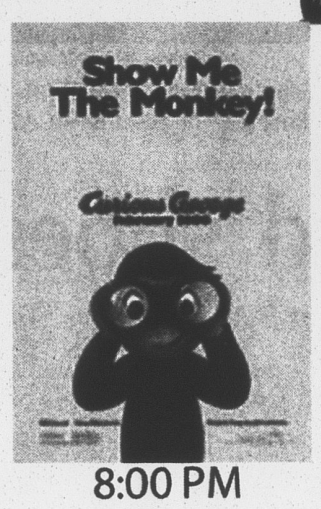

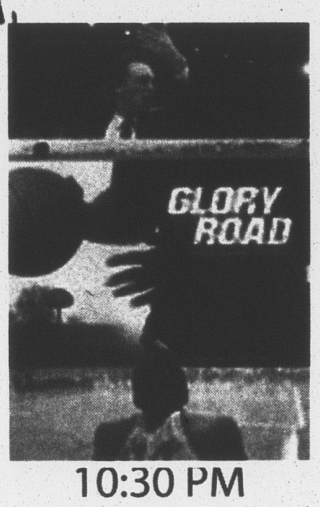

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Featuring JD Eicher
with Valley Below Opening
LATE NIGHT
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COMING SOON....
May 5 Volley Rock Concert
May 6 Volley Rock
Check the On-Line Calendar for all the up to date information

FEATURES

Greek Week & Secrecy

Amanda Hauger tells us why the two go hand in hand this year

There were some marked changes in the scoring system for Greek Week this year. No longer could sorority or fraternity members accurately keep track of their scores for events because of a new point system policy.

"We wanted to make it a little harder to keep track of scores this year, that way Greek Week could be more fun," said Greek Week senior chair Katie Crompton. "We thought that by making different points for different things or taking away points for poor sportsmanship would encourage friendlier playing; that was hope."

In the past it was easy to calculate points. The winner of each Greek Week event received five points, second place received three points and third place received one point. This year, however, points were also given out for things like turning banners and paperwork in on time.

"If you're into cooperating and helping the Greek Week chairs, why should we tell everyone that they're getting points?" Camille Hawthorne, a Panhellenic advisor asked. "Here are the people who get their stuff in one time and they didn't even realize they were doing it for points."

The new point system has some Greeks confused. It seems not everyone was aware of the newly added "paperwork" point section, but Crompton says everyone was informed ahead of time.

"They were all [Greeks] aware," Crompton said. "We made it known at the meetings that any little thing, including bios, banners and introductions for Sing & Swing was worth points. It's a shame unfortunately not everyone had a representative, at that meeting. It's every organizations job to have reps at these meetings. Naturally, there's going to be a glitch."

The reason for the point change came from some incidents that occurred last year.

"Last year there were a lot of hard feelings from organization to organization. Last year, we had a few rougher games like football but there were also games that didn't need to be rough. It makes everyone's work harder; the more that the roughhousing occurs, the more it takes away our chance of having a Greek Week the next year. Who's to say that Greek Week won't just be cut one year?"

With the points not out in the open anymore, and just four of the ten Greek organizations represented in the decision making process, it leaves many Greeks wondering how fair the system really is.

Crompton adds, however, that if a sorority or fraternity does lose points, it's not many and that the infraction is usually obvious.

"If someone is asked to leave a game, that will result in a loss of points," Crompton said. "It's usually something obvious. The point reduction isn't much; right now none of the point reductions have affected any of the standings."

Greeks Speak Out

"I want everyone to get the same chance and to be on the same playing field. When there's such confusion and people don't know what's going on, it's really not fair."
Elizabeth Farry, Kappa Delta

"I don't think that's the right way to do it. There should be a more fair way, another way where they at least inform every sorority and fraternity member about the loss of points. I think Greek Week should be more competitive. Everyone does enjoy it even if it is competitive. Throwing kids out of games is fine, but taking off points and not telling us about it is not."
Todd Atwood, Alpha Sigma Phi

"I can understand that they are trying to improve the overall Greek Week experience for everyone, but if they wanted to eliminate poor sportsmanship, they should be watching closely and people should be taken out of the game. That would show everybody that it is inappropriate, because right now no one is telling any of the sororities or fraternities what is going on. How should we know that we're acting inappropriate?
Jennifer Ramsey, Alpha Gamma Delta

"I don't like this new point system at all; it puts too much power into the Greek Week leader's hands and it leaves the fraternities and sororities in the dark as to what they need in order to win at the end of the week."
Eric Cortez, Sigma Nu

"If they're going to deduct points, they should make it known how many points they deduct. That only makes sense."
Nick Sheehan, Sigma Phi Epsilon

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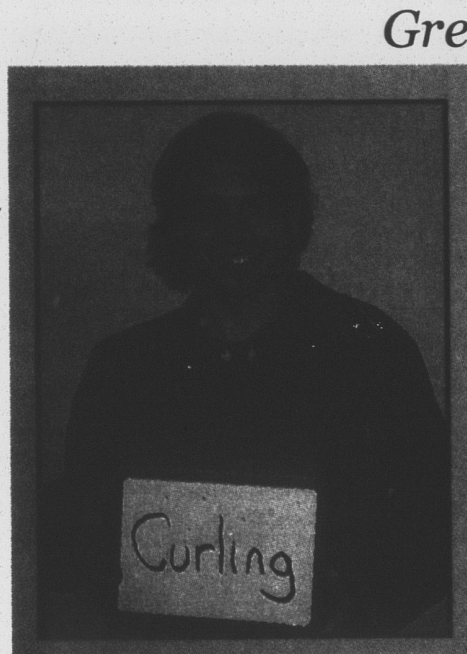
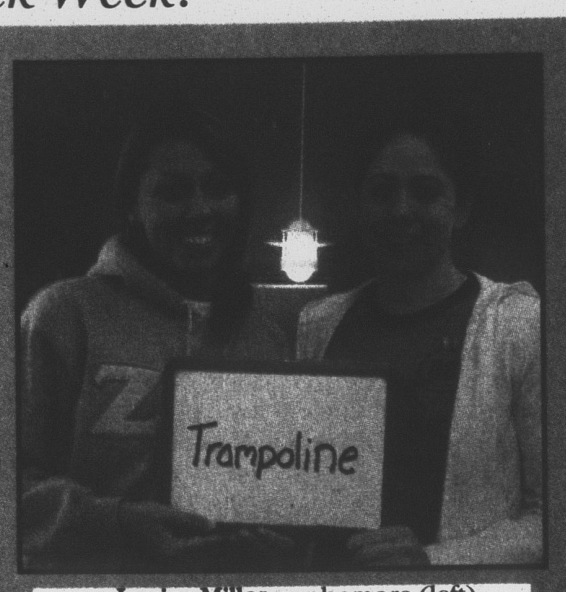
For now, Greeks will have to trust those in charge and wait for the results on April 29.

Question of the Week

What event would you like to see added to Greek Week?

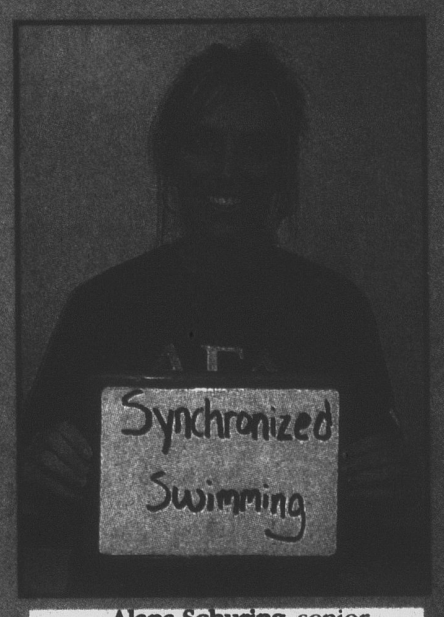


Jordan Hinds, senior



Jessica Miller, sophomore (left)
Becky Giles, sophomore

Jessica Bailey, senior (left)
Laura Bayuk, senior



Alana Schuring, senior

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Q & A with one lucky senior

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of an enthusiastic PR major

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Christy Sitter has been very involved within her major, public relations, for the past four years. Her involvement in PRSSA and participation in research projects has prepared this senior and Erie, PA native for the future. But perhaps her involvement with one band will set her apart from the rest of the graduating field.

For the past few years, Christy has been helping with public and media relations with the band *Hanson*. You may remember this "boy band" from their popular hit song "Mmm Bop."

When she was 13, Christy won a local radio contest to meet the band. Through this meeting, she maintained ties with *Hanson* and has done a variety of things for them. Her sophomore public relations research project involved an image campaign on the band.

Christy formed a focus group of students with different musical tastes. She played sound bytes from some of *Hanson's* new material, but did not tell the audience the name of the band. Most of the students said they would consider buying this music and related it to the likes of *John Mayer* and *Maroon 5*. However, when Christy showed the band's picture, the group had no idea who they were. When they found out it was *Hanson*, immediately the students started groaning and saying they would never buy their material.

"It was an interesting thing," Christy said. "I heard all this back talk from college students but this was a band that sold over 8 million records. They're everyone's favorite band to make fun of."

Christy said that throughout the course of her research, she learned that people did not like *Hanson's* little boy image and that they considered them one-hit wonders. She made a copy of the research and submitted it to the band's business office. Not long after, Christy received a call from Mrs. Hanson who found the project interesting and wanted to discuss different projects and strategies with her.

This past fall, *Hanson* did a college tour called "Live & Electric" in which they toured campuses in order to talk to students about the music industry. The band made a DVD, "Strong Enough," as an educational tool and has since been added to a number of college curriculums.

Throughout the years, Christy has assisted *Hanson* along their journey. "They are a different band now," she said. "They are credible musicians who have grown up. They have their own label now and they're innovators in their industry. As a friend, I'm helping them out."

Christy is also assisting two other bands with their public relations as well, "This Providence" and "There's Always Tomorrow." Last summer, she took an internship with a major PR firm, PMK, in New York City.

"The internship was crazy," Christy said. "I did everything, from handling the press at an event in Bryant Park to writing bios and press releases. It was obviously meant to be because I took to it naturally."

Christy has been assisting all three bands free of charge, but says that won't remain for too long.

"You have to do whatever you can in order to make connections for yourself," she said. "Once I graduate, I won't work for free but as a student I feel it can only help me."

In addition to her stellar public relations work, Christy also is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, dance theater and Omicron Kappa Delta. Her ultimate goal is to do freelance PR work for her own clients.

"I want to work for myself," Christy said. "I am an independent person and I just see that in my future."

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

Shine up your old shoes

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

With spring in the air, it is time to start cleaning out closets, but do not throw away that favorite pair of old high heels or sneaks. Shoe repair is my newfound secret to making use of the old and saving some cash.

May's Shoe Repair located on East State St. in Hermitage takes a broken, damaged shoe and transforms it into a glass slipper. I recently saved about $300 by taking six pairs of worn high heels to the cobbler. According to the shop owner, the cap on a heel is usually made from plastic and wears down to reveal a screw that holds the heel in place. This is a danger for all those high heel wearing women of the world. The revealed screw causes unevenness and may even cause a person to slip on linoleum flooring.

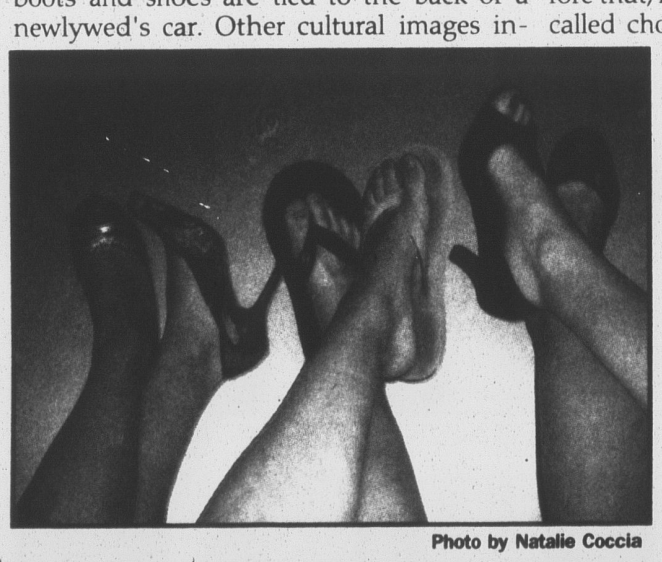
Shoes reflect the personality of the wearer and have played a large part in our culture. The cobbler is seen as a romantic figure as boots and shoes are tied to the back of a newlywed's car. Other cultural images involving shoes are the Greek god Mercury who wore winged sandals, Puss in Boots, Cinderella and the old woman who lived in a shoe.

The most popular form of footwear is sandals. Sophomore Jennie Pride can vouch for this because her favorite shoe happens to be the Old Navy flip-flop.

"You can get two pairs of flip-flops for five dollars at Old Navy," Pride said. "I like them because you don't have to tie them."

Shoes also have an interesting history. The cracowe shoes from medieval times had long tapering points that made walking nearly impossible. Those were almost as strange looking as the 1970's platform, but platforms were not just present in the disco era. In 1660, French shoemaker Nicholas Lestage made shoes for Louis XVI that included miniature battle scenes painted on heels as high as five inches. Even before that, in the 1500's, an extreme shoe style called chopines was popular in Italy, Spain and France. This shoe included heel pedestals or wooden heels as tall as 24 inches. It took two servants to help a lady in and out of a gondola.

From platforms to heels, and from flip-flops to sneakers, a person's shoe style may range from the simple to the extravagant. Whatever the case may be, do not throw away a favorite pair of shoes. Instead, give them a new life with the help of a shoemaker.



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Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

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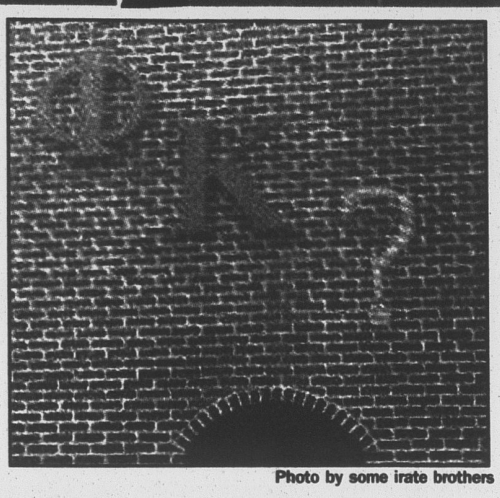

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Campus statistic of the week

Number of Volley Rock teams

86

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Friday: Partly sunny,pleasant 65/37

Saturday: Cooler with variable clouds, 58/31

Sunday: Partly sunny, 60/38

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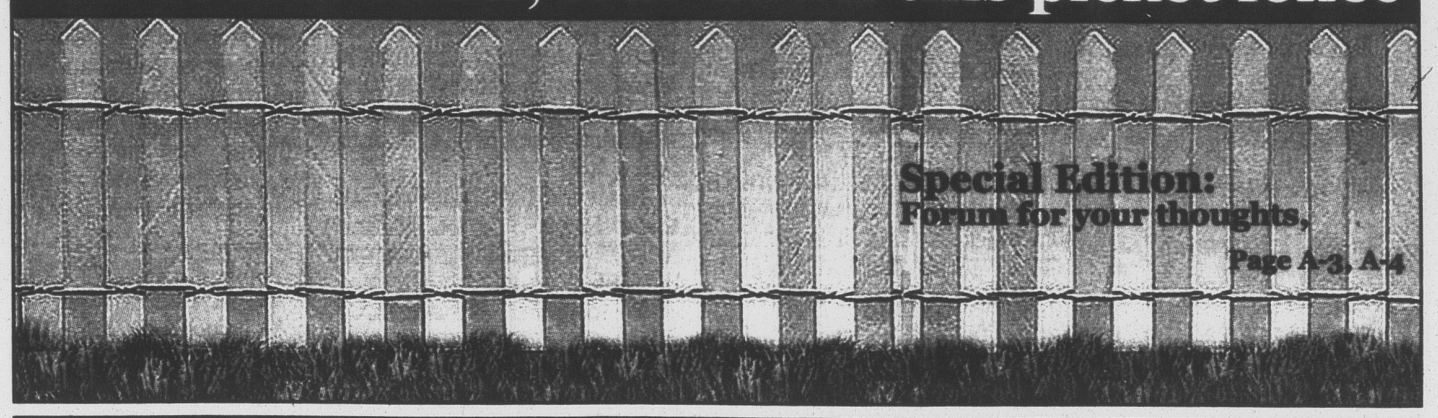
Mr. Williamson, tear down this picket fence



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Professor suspended

STUDENTS QUESTION REASONS BEHIND DICEY ISSUE

By Jaimee Davis
Campus writer

There has been a large void in the music department all semester because one of the department's beloved professors is suspended.

While no specific details of the accusation are available, Dr. Elizabeth "Doc" Harrison, assistant professor of music and college organist, swears by her innocence.

"I maintain my innocence, and I'll swear by that until I die," Harrison said.

Jesse Mann, dean of academic affairs, informed students of the suspension in a colloquium—a weekly part of a music student's schedule—at the beginning of the spring 2006 semester.

Sophomore religion major and former organ performance major Craig Dressler attended the colloquium.

"Dean Mann said that Doc was suspended and that they were working to resolve the issue as best as possible," Dressler said. "[Mann] said she's welcome on campus and that we'd probably see her in her office, but that she wouldn't be teaching. No allegations were discussed."

Since that time, a letter of support, a large banner and small posters have made their way into the office of President Williamson and onto the walls of the music department and the McKelvey Campus Center.

Sophomore music education major Jason Perry wrote a letter of support for Harrison and had students sign it.

Dean Mann said that Doc was suspended and that they were working to resolve the issue as best as possible.
Sophomore religion major Craig Dressler

"It basically said that we miss Doc and that we value her professionalism," Perry said. "We got 59 signatures of students who either had Doc for class or were going to have her for class. We sent it to the President and to the Dean, and both received it."

After Harrison's name appeared in the schedule book for the fall 2006 semester, many students in the department thought that the issue was being resolved. Not long afterward, a banner appeared on the wall of the student lounge in the music depart-

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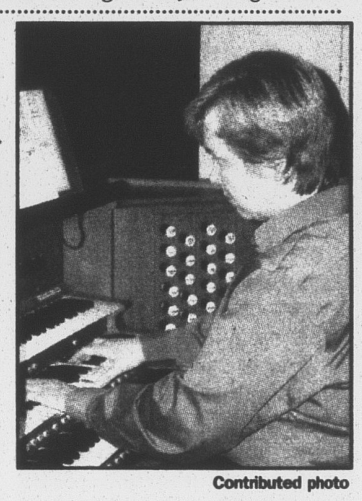

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Dr. Elizabeth Harrison has been with the college for six years.

Attendance policy reviewed

By Christine Line
Campus writer

Senioritis, procrastination and spring fever- almost every student is suffering from a case of the spring semester "blahs" as projects, presentations and exams pile up before finals week.

But what about missing class? Recently attendance has dropped in classrooms. Seniors are almost done and more than ready to graduate. Other sleep-deprived students have been involved in Greek Week. The remainder of the student body has seen the early hours of the morning as students drink coffee, and attempt to finish that 12-page paper or 20-minute presentation. Every student experiences typical college stress, but when does it become too much to handle and students miss class?

According to Academic Dean Jesse Mann, the college does not have an outlined attendance policy in the handbook. It is up to the professors' discretion to design their own attendance policies.

"We allow professors the freedom to decide their attendance policies," Mann said. "Most professors that have specific attendance policies stick to them."

Several surrounding colleges also vary in their attendance policies. Doree Baumgart of Washington and Jefferson College said it holds no policy on attendance. The weight of attendance is judged by each faculty member, and she believes attendance is weighed heavily by the faculty as a whole.

Grove City College does have a general attendance policy, which is similar to some of Westminster's faculty members' policies. Students are permitted three unexcused absences for a class that meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and two unexcused absences for a class that meets Tuesday and Thursday.

Thiel College includes a section on class attendance in its student handbook. It states, "All students are expected to attend all classes (...), but unexcused absence policies are decided by the professor. Students are expected to make up assignments from classes they miss due to official college events."

Although Westminster may not have a policy in the student handbook, it is common knowledge that attendance is important. Mann also agreed that class attendance is crucial, because missing lectures or assignments are difficult to make up or be as effective if the student is not there to get the assignments first-hand.

"Missing class doesn't really surprise me at this point since it's nice outside and there are a ton of other reasons students miss class," Mann said. "Senioritis has existed for a long time, but seniors are generally better-equipped than freshmen to handle missed classes."

Although sophomore Allison Houser is involved with Sigma Kappa and didn't get much sleep during Greek Week, she felt she couldn't risk her grades by missing classes.

"I got four to five hours of

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opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

I'll procrastinate tomorrow.

Surf! TURF!

What is up with this bipolar weather?

15 days until we bust outta here!

I have no finals! Mwahaha!

I have four finals in one day :-(

D-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d dog show!

I knew I'd be better off without you...

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

The end (a two part special)

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

So, in another week, everyone will be heading back to their homes and living their little non-college lives. Well, not everyone. Seniors get to stay for an extra week of school provided fun.

This presents me with a little bit of a problem. I have been told that there will be another edition of this paper for senior week. A "graduation" edition, if you will. Essentially, this means that I'm going to have to write two goodbye articles. Welcome to the first one, you lucky little person, you.

I suppose this is where I'm supposed to reminisce about college life and how I/the college has changed over the past four years. I could talk about what I will miss about dorm life, about fun events that I have attended, or about the one time Galbreath dining hall served one pound hamburgers. I could talk about how I still walk around campus and see fire hydrants and trees that I swear weren't there a day ago, or maybe about how I haven't written the biography at the bottom of this section for a good month and a half.

However, I shall do none of these things. I figure, it's time for me to impart some words of wisdom on you, the campus of Westminster. I have three tidbits to bestow upon you. That's a cool word, tidbit. It's seriously underused.

ONE: This one is important. CALM DOWN. Life isn't all that hectic. Just take a deep breath and eat something. Don't drink anything caffeinated with it, though. That sort of defeats the purpose.

TWO: Reality television needs to go. Really, stop watching shows dedicated to backstabbing other people to get ahead. I don't care if the twist at the end of the series is that someone actually has three arms and is bald. You may have to go through a period where you feel empty at having nothing to do, but that will pass. You can find stuff to do. Reality television related brain damage, well, that's permanent.

THREE: Always make your opinions known. Well, be tactful with it. I'm not saying walk into a dorm and tell everyone that you hate them. That would get you pretty beaten up.

Just never be afraid to let your opinions known. The horrible, awful truth of the matter is that not everyone is going to agree with you. Ah, well. You can't win 'em all. Are they allowed to feel the way they do? Of course. Everyone is entitled to an opinion. Over the course of this year, I have written articles that some people haven't agreed with. That's okay. It was my opinion, and I think it needed said.

If everyone agreed with everyone else, things wouldn't change. So, you know, don't be afraid to let people know what you think. Hey, was my first article this year about opinions? Wow. Makes everything feel very... circular, doesn't it?

And, I'm out.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. His surliness will be sorely missed by his friends and weekly readers. Visit www.dumpythursday.com each Thursday to see more of his humor.

Post Greek Week thoughts: A Matter of Pride

As a member of the Greek Community and a person who has seen Greek Week from a unique perspective, I would like to voice my thoughts on last week's *Holcad* and the Greek Week festivities.

Every year, whether it is an article or a letter to the editor, someone tries to reiterate why Greek life is so bad.

In response to "Greek week: a strain on everyone, not just Greeks", there are a few things that bother me.

First, if the school were not fond of Greek Week, why would the administration continue to allow it? Not only does it promote Greek unity and competition, it also raises money for two different philanthropies. This year it raised well over $2,000 between the two!

Second, academic neglect is not encouraged nor tolerated by the Greek system. If students skip classes, that is their business. What a few people do should not reflect on everyone as a whole; that is a stereotype. Finally, in response to excluding non-Greeks...the name of the week is Greek Week. If you want to be a part of the festivities, join a social fraternity or sorority. But do not put-down something you have made no effort to be a part of.

Moving on. In response to the article, "Greek Week & Secrecy", if you have an opinion, voice it. The four of us who are in charge are always interested in making changes. Let us know what you would like to see. If we find it to be a good suggestion, we will add it. If you think the new points system is bad...tough.

We made that decision in the best interests of maintaining the integrity, competitiveness, and overall fun of the week. We were tired of sorting out angry brawls and fights over insignificant odds and ends. The new system made the week more fun and the events were just as competitive, without the hostile incidents of last year. I understand a goal is to win in the overall standings. To some organizations, it is the highest goal during Greek Week.

But, competing against other Greeks should be a matter of pride. Winning means you have the right to say, "My group is the best at _____." You fill in the blank. Pride in yourselves and in your organization is what keeps the spirit of the Greek Community alive.

Maybe things are not as bad as they seem. In terms of numbers, the Greek Community at Westminster is dying. In terms of the spirit...it is thriving. Never have I seen so many people take so much pride in one thing. Not because of the games, not because of "singing and swinging", and not because of who wins and loses. In our support for philanthropy and ritualistic ideal, it is because we are Greeks. And we take pride in who we are.

John Buco
Greek Week Senior Chair
Class of 2007

Proudly defending the role of RA's in Eich

In response to a letter to the editor posted in the April 21 edition of *The Holcad*, I feel the need to defend the Eichenauer Residence Life Staff. The RA's of Eich have done a tremendous job this year enforcing college policy.

As a three year member of the Eich staff I am proud to say that this year's staff is the finest that I've had the opportunity to work with. Enforcing college policy on your peers is not an easy task and it is a job that many people refuse to take. I commend the six men of Eich who have taken on the responsibility of working in such a difficult building.

To argue that college policy has not been enforced is ridiculous. I along with the RA staff have spent countless hours of our time, many times late at night, writing up incident reports and ensuring the safety of our residents. It is not fair to the staff or the residents of the building to claim that rules are not being enforced.

It is the job of RA's to ensure first and foremost the safety and security of the residents, to enforce college policy when necessary, and build strong communities. Do people get away with breaking the rules? Of course! It is not possible for the residence life staff to be around the building 24/7, nor is it expected. But to say they are not doing their jobs is unfair and incorrect. I assure you that no member of my staff says it is alright to drink in the building as long as they recycle. If anything, we are not stupid, we understand people get away with things but the least they can do is help the environment if they do.

The underlying issue here is about respect and not about whether or not the residence life staff is enforcing college policy. The majority of men in Eich are good guys who are brought down by a select few who do not have enough respect for their community. This disrespect leads to things such as fire extinguishers being set off, people breaking into the candy machine, ect. But I can assure you that in my 3 years on staff in Eich these things occur year in and year out. Some people do not realize that their actions affect everyone else in the building. So before you go blaming the residence life staff for not doing their jobs take a look at your fellow residents who refuse to respect the community in which they live.

Stephen Franklin
Community Advisor
Eichenauer Hall

The job of Info. Sys. is not monkey business

I am writing in response to the "Tellin' It Like It Is" cartoon in the April 28, 2006 edition of *The Holcad*. I find it absurd to relate the Information Systems staff to a monkey that just plugs and unplugs "doohickeys." Everyone at Information Systems works hard to keep up a secure and stable network for the whole campus to use.

In the cartoon, references are made to the monthly server maintenance. During the monthly server maintenance our network administrators apply required patches to the various servers. If these patches fail, the network administrators may have to work late into the night or even spend their entire weekend getting the server back up.

I do realize some of the frustration with Information Systems is because of the TitanNET software we require for students to install on their computers to connect to the Westminster network. Although it can seem like an annoyance, the TitanNET software keeps your computer safe from viruses and allows you to access your files from the comfort of your dorm room. Many students successfully installed the software and were connected to the network within the first few days of the 2005-2006 academic year. Remember, security does not equal convenience, and I'm sure everyone would trade some up-front inconvenience to losing all their documents, mp3s, videos, pictures, etc. because they were infected with a virus.

I've heard many times, "At my friend's college they just come in and plug in." There are many colleges that do offer this "convenience" to their students. Conversely, this often results in little or no security to the student's PC. Many of these colleges require no security software to be installed on the students' PC, which can make the entire network vulnerable to dangerous virus attacks. Some of these colleges have experienced major network outages, while the Westminster network has held strong.

Does Westminster have a perfect network that is up 100% of the time? No, but I challenge anyone to show me a perfect network that has 100% uptime. I appreciate *The Holcad* writers for their hard work throughout this school year and find their criticisms/compliments helpful in addressing common student questions and concerns. However, I find it hard to draw any kind of constructive criticism from a primate plugging and unplugging wires.

Jonathan Smith
Webmaster

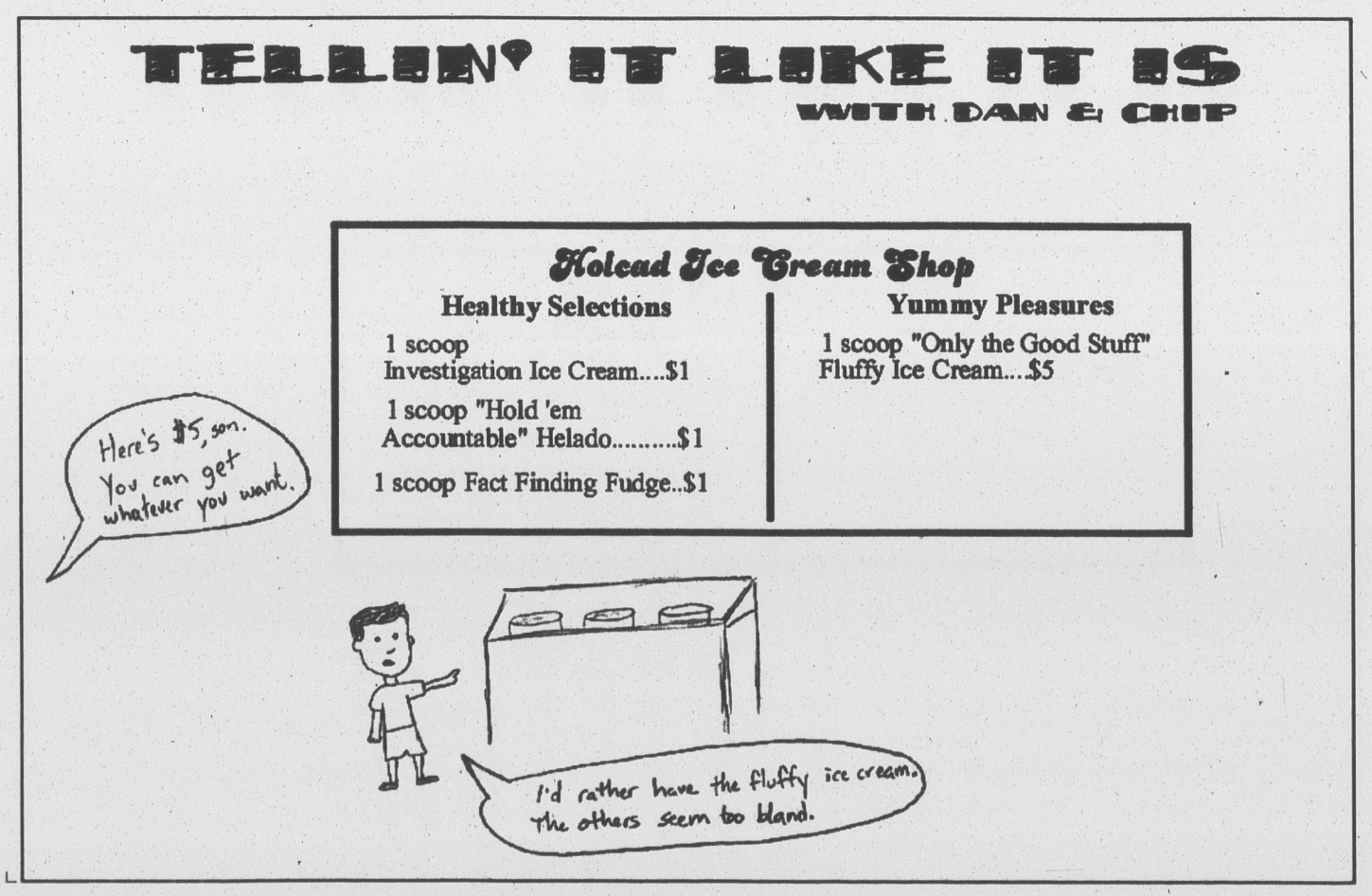
More praise for "Presbyterian Premium" article in March 31 edition

Is there a true, singular definition of the word "diverse?" Throughout the past few weeks, *The Holcad* has been seemingly bombarded with Letters to the Editors concerning an article written by Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling (See: "Presbyterian Premium" from March 31). And while most of the reactions from both sides highlight significant ideas, some letters completely miss the whole basis of their argument. Certainly, "The Presbyterian Premium" was not written as a means to alienate and antagonize the YPS Scholars; it was written because Westminster College is perhaps failing to live up to its slogan of "an independent national liberal arts college in the Presbyterian tradition." The key words to emphasize are "Presbyterian tradition." Programs like the YPS are a great incentive to attract smart and talented Presbyterians. However, Nelson and Walling's point is that, since this school still accepts some federal funding (therefore not classifying itself in a category with Grove City), it has an obligation to provide incentives to students from all religious backgrounds, not just those of the Presbyterian faith.

It is plain to see that Westminster's student body is very homogeneous. That fact alone however does not mean that the students and faculty here fall short in any way. It simply means that the administration needs to step up to the plate and define what their take on the word "diversity" is. To touch on Mr. Theodore C. Stewart's perhaps hastily drawn conclusions of last week that, "If Westminster follows their [other colleges] priorities, it will become nearly like dozens or even hundreds of other schools," and "academic excellence isn't everything," it should be said that even though Westminster is "independent" it still must abide by and follow certain guidelines given by federal law.

One would be hard pressed to find an individual on campus that negates the fact that the Westminster student body benefits from the generous gifts of alumni. It would also be difficult to find someone who does not agree that President Williamson is doing an overall efficient job running the college. At no point in Nelson and Walling's article do they specifically disagree with this fact or directly criticize President Williamson's personal administration of the college. From my perspective Nelson and Walling are guilty of only one thing, and that is the intellectual debate they sparked from the publication of their article. That is what a solid college education is all about, shedding light on pressing, relevant issues and leaving room for a healthy public debate.

Alissa Bookwalter
Junior



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Forum for your thoughts

Every month, the editorial staff invites a member of the campus community to share his or her own experiences involving the college's traditions as another vehicle for perceptive discourse on this leading liberal arts campus. This month, The Holcad invited Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling, two respected seniors whose constructive criticism of the college's YPS program sparked a campus-wide debate of the future and intentions of the program.

Nelson and Walling wrote this forum with contributions from Dr. Warren Hickman, Professor of Mathematics, Dr. Bryan Rennie, Associate Professor and Vira I. Heinz Professor of Religion, Dr. Kang-Yup Na, Associate Professor of Religion and Dr. Andrea Grove, Associate Professor of Political Science.

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Be sure to read the Graduation edition for part two of this forum with more opinions from the students and faculty.

Academics, diversity and our role as global citizens

Outgoing seniors are often asked to express their opinions about the college before sailing into the uncharted waters of the "real world." Since our arrival, four years have passed and Westminster has become known as "A Place to Call Home." During that process, there is some indication that the academic focus that we noted on our own campus tours was jettisoned in favor of flashy amenities and self-congratulatory remarks. No matter how much we may want to believe that our "home" is some sort of collegiate utopia, we must acknowledge the existence of a few serious issues. We have identified three areas that will affect long-term institutional well-being: academics, diversity and our role as global citizens. Our central concern in this endeavor is to make Westminster a better academic institution, "A Place to Call College."

On March 31, we wrote to *The Holcad* regarding the Young Presbyterian Scholarship Program. Our criticism was not aimed at the principles of the program itself, but with the way in which it is presented by the administration. In short, the administration has not owned up to the possible consequences of the YPS program, including reduced diversity and potentially lower long-term academic standards. The article garnered an amazing response, including from those who disagreed with us. Most importantly, the article created an intellectual dialogue in the spirit of the academy. (This is what a liberal arts education is all about!)

Last week, Emeritus Professor of Religion Joseph Hopkins questioned implicitly the right of a student to challenge institutional policies. He argued explicitly that a student is "a guest of the institution, not an insider" (*Holcad*, April 28). The College's Mission Statement lists two outcomes of particular relevance. Westminster College aims to educate students "to reason logically and evaluate critically" and, then, "to apply our knowledge to contemporary issues." The notion of applying these principles internally is not prohibited and is, in fact, encouraged! Therefore, we disagree emphatically with Dr. Hopkins' assertions on multiple grounds.

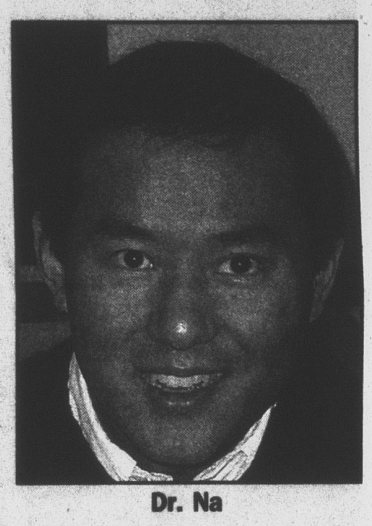
First, critique is not only the lifeblood of the liberal arts tradition, but of a democracy as well. Let us remember that Socrates was a critic, yet he remains a crucial influence of the liberal arts tradition. Thomas Jefferson was a critic, yet he remains a crucial figure in American democracy. Jefferson's Bill of Rights discourages dogmatism through protecting freedom of speech—including criticism. The institution would quickly become dogmatized if this right was taken away.

Second, students are not outsiders and institutional policies are not static. Students play a vital role in institutional life; Westminster College is no exception. If there ever was a time where students were truly "outsiders," it thankfully is long gone. Moreover, Westminster College affirms and encourages our right to critique through hosting events like the Fireside Chats. The same holds true at institutions across the country. This right was protected during the anti-Vietnam war student movements of the late 1960s. Further, Westminster College receives federal funding and, thus, cannot follow the route of, for example, Grove City College. To do so would be to come into contradiction with the pluralistic demands that the acceptance of federal funds places on institutions.

We became disappointed when we realized that our own administration would provide no written response to our article on the YPS. This time, we do not write alone. We asked several faculty members to share their opinions on these matters. This coalition brings together students and faculty from across departmental lines. And most importantly, all contributors share a similar feeling: true and heartfelt concern for the well-being of Westminster College.

Westminster rapidly approaches an institutional crossroads. The administration can choose between "A Place to Call Home" and "A Place to Call College." Either decision will have long-lasting effects for the students, faculty, administration and alumni of Westminster College. We earnestly hope that Westminster will choose to be "A Place to Call College."

The current state of academics



Dr. Na

In a recent publication of the *Princeton Review*, a Westminster resident assistant noted, "I feel that by following the rules and applying myself to my studies, I am in the minority of kids who take college seriously." Surely the administration cringed at this quote; however, each year this is becoming more of a reality on campus. The concept of Westminster as "A Place to Call Home" has alienated the rigorous nature of college studies. However, the lack of student drive is not the only concern. The apathetic attitudes of a few students not only spread to other students, but also to the faculty. Yes, our best asset, which the administration tends to forget, is our excellent faculty. However, the faculty cannot accept student slacking and should encourage and even force students to take their studies seriously. Students will rise to the level of expectations set before them. By lowering the expectations for all students, each of us individually cannot and will not reach our full potential. Let us make no mistake, academic excellence MUST be the purpose why we are here or otherwise we are spending our money needlessly.

> Isn't it about time that an A should be reserved to recognize the truly exceptional work at Westminster?
>
> *Dr. Na*

Likewise, grades are reflective of a student's effort. However, our campus (and most of the nation) is facing a period of grade inflation. If faculty lower their expectation of what is 'A' quality, then they also are lowering the expectation they set before the class. By making students feel better about themselves, professors are only setting them up to produce 'mediocre' work. If they are not encouraged to produce high quality work in the beginning, they will not understand the level of work that college requires in the future. In the past, a grade of 'C' was considered to be average. More recently, C's have come to represent near-failure. Students have often been quoted as considering earning a 'B' or a 'C' as a personal failure. We deferred to the expertise of Associate Professor of Religion Kang-Yup Na to bring us up to date on this matter. His response is as follows:

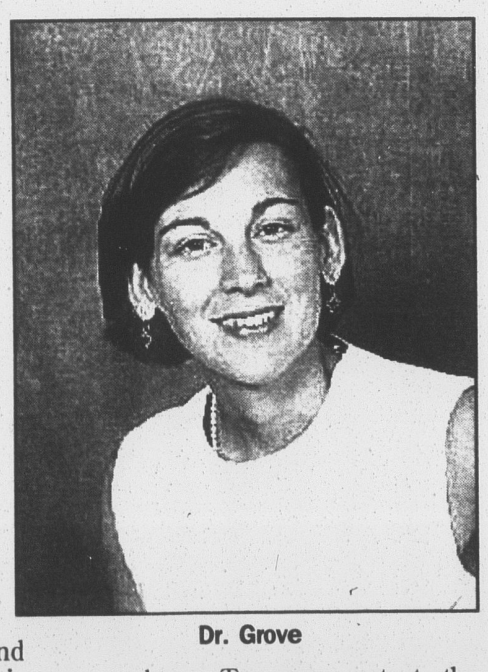
"There are critics who lament grade inflation as well as those who demonstrate grade deflation. In view of the grades earned at Westminster, I would like to propose that we pause for some reasoning toward rectifying current grading practices.

One *locus classicus* for grade inflation debates is the 1894 Report of the Committee on Raising the Standard at Harvard University, according to which 'Grades A and B are sometimes given too readily—Grade A for work of no very high merit, and Grade B for work not far above mediocrity.' Sadly, this also describes current Westminster grading trends that fail to recognize outstanding work as just that.

By definition, an A must be rare, rarer than B's (for superior work), and certainly rarer than C's (for satisfactory or good work). Simple reasoning would suggest that if many A's and B's are earned while C's are considered (very) unsatisfactory, then either the standards are too low or the students are achieving mostly superior or exceptional work.

In either case, however, a change in grading practices would be a reasonable response—that is, if we want to maintain (or restore) the meaningfulness of an A or a B as well as the integrity of words like *outstanding* or *superior*. Isn't it about time that an A should be reserved to recognize the truly exceptional work at Westminster?"

Our role as global citizens



Dr. Grove

We certainly, as alumni of this institution, will have fond memories of our time here. However, we must admit that the image of Westminster cannot rely solely on the institution's past reputation. We should maintain a tradition of academic excellence, (throwing out the image of white picket fences, fresh-baked cookies, and Crayola color schemes) so that students will be prepared for the world given to them. Images of "A Place to Call Home" minimalize the academic rigor that college is supposed to represent. The world is not "loaded with people looking to make each student's life a little easier" (as one student commenting on Westminster was quoted in the *Princeton Review*). Employers will not be quite so forgiving of missed deadlines or shoddy workmanship. By coddling their students, many professors are impairing them from the harsh realities of the world beyond this sleepy little town.

Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the Peace Studies Program Andrea Grove provided us with her views of the importance of encouraging global citizenship.

"In my opinion, it is a sign of vibrancy and intellectual curiosity when, in a campus newspaper, students go beyond the (sometimes embarrassing) focus on the cafeteria food and start encouraging conversations that allow us to discuss the state of the college –especially how the work we do every day does or does not live up to the ideals we as trustees of a long tradition agreed to uphold upon taking a job or enrolling as a student here. It is in that spirit that I agreed to write a few words.

I chose to focus on an area in which I perceive a deficit between the rhetoric in the mission statement of the college and the reality on the ground: the role of the college in creating world citizens. In the mission statement, there are four items which note some dimension of this crucial goal in a globalized world: Students should acquire a knowledge of self, society, human cultures, the natural world, and human relationships to God; apply knowledge to contemporary issues; demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to neighbor, society, and the natural world; demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning and for careers and the acquisition of skills for careers and responsible service as world citizens. While there are several ways the faculty do work to achieve some of these outcomes, there is so much more we could do (but only with the support of the administration that holds the resources) to inspire students to realize that they cannot, must not, go through their entire career at the college without taking a course in international relations or in another discipline which has the majority of its focus on global issues, and traveling to another country with a professor who knows that environment and the people who live in it—if only for a travel course that lasts a few short weeks.

Many colleges—yes, even small ones like ours—have created requirements for students to do these things, arguing that we are seriously falling short of educational goals when we do not require exposure to the world with which we are so intricately entwined (if you don't understand what I am talking about, my case is made quite simply). Most students are shocked to learn in my courses that nearly 80% of the world lives in developing countries, and yet we possess the wealth, consume most of the resources, and produce most of the pollution. What is most frightening is that this is a *growing* gap which will manifest itself in the global crises that our students, however uneducated about the various issues, will have to confront. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, so many people on campus and around the country asked, "Why do they hate us?"—a question that is astounding in its implicit lack of awareness. Will we hear those same questions, again and again should the seeds of dissent we continue to sow manifest themselves repeatedly in such a hateful way? On this campus we have so much opportunity to change that path! And most powerfully, we must remember that we have not just an opportunity but a responsibility to do so.

I believe with every piece of my being that we cannot be global citizens (again, a key piece of the mission statement) if we do not have a sense of the world and what our country is doing in it—and especially, we must have a sense of the world as a community that has problems that can only be dealt with collectively by its citizens. College students, and those who carry the awesome responsibility of structuring their university-level experience, have a unique role. Students, you have this time to educate yourselves about this new world and to figure out what kind of a future you want here. To some extent the politicians of today may never understand these changes—*but you ARE those changes*. As a college existing in a globalized world, where there is no contemporary issue isolated to us alone, Westminster could shape the future by providing its students with the tools and engage in a more active campaign to understand what this really means."

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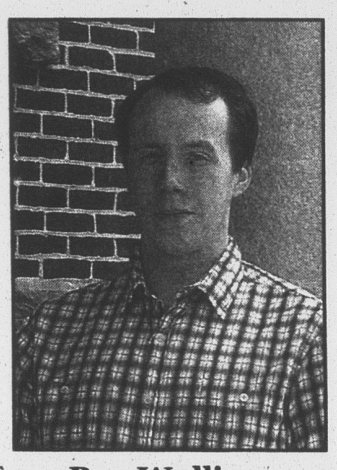
Forum, continued

Diversity: that noble dream

Unlike Westminster College, ---the "real world" is not culturally homogeneous. Theodore C. Stewart ('53) suggested that the importance of a diverse campus community is minimal (and somehow a victory for his own definition of national "diversity.") Westminster clearly disagrees with this provincial view. Specifically, the mission of the Diversity Office is "to prepare students to become effective leaders and productive citizens in the culturally diverse 21st century." It would be exceedingly tough to achieve this goal in an environment that is not at all reflective of the "real world." Therefore, Westminster must strive to improve diversity on campus. Not just geographical diversity, but all diversity. Unfortunately, diversity is an exceedingly difficult concept to define. We asked the Vira I. Heinz Professor of Religion, Dr. Bryan Rennie, to clarify the concept of diversity and its importance on campus. His response is printed below:

"Diversity. What does it mean? What is it about? What is the *point* of encouraging diversity at a college like Westminster? There are immensely important issues of accurately representing the demographics of the local area and of the nation, and of ensuring that all citizens of the United States get fair and equal access to education, but there is more to the question of diversity on college campuses than just that.



Ray Walling

First, diversity is not an option or an aim but a fact. The United States of America is now one of the most diverse places in the world. Religiously, ethnically, culturally—whatever way this pie is sliced, there are a lot of different flavors. Outside the US, the whole world is no more diverse than it ever was, but the monopoly of the Western nations is being reduced as Japan, India, the Middle East, and China become active players in the international economy. Second, and because of these facts, diversity is of enormous educational advantage and an indispensable instructional resource. Anybody who seeks an education today needs to understand this diversity, and it is almost impossible to do so in the absence of representatives of diverse groups. Muslims, to give just one example, are real people. Over seven million Muslims are citizens of the United States. They have real experiences, real histories, real achievements, failures, and real faith in their remarkable religious tradition. But if you've never met a Muslim, never had any kind of dialogue with Muslim friends, it's all too easy to fall prey to a stereotype of the Muslim mad bomber. Native Americans, Chinese, Hindus, African Americans—the same argument holds true for all these groups and more. The educational value of meeting and interacting with minority groups cannot be overstated. They exist. They are real. They represent the reality of the world in which we live.

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Ray and Ben

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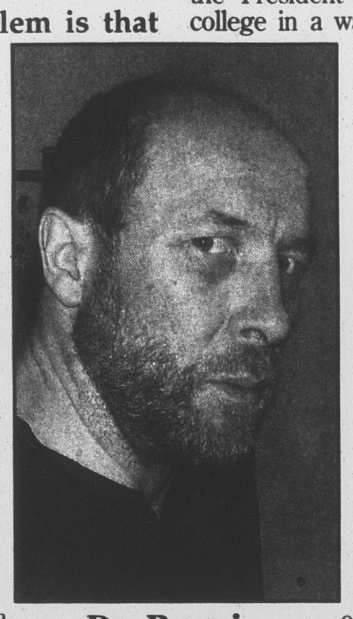
Dr. Rennie

The problem is that one's own lived experience tends to be significantly limited to people like oneself, while the world outside is actually composed of unlike people. It is easier and more comfortable to focus on the familiar, but to do so generates a false impression of reality.



Dr. Rennie

It has been argued that the dominant body in any relation of dominance and oppression is doomed to be weakened by that very domination. The 19th century German philosopher G. W. F. Hegel presented this argument but it was anticipated elsewhere: "But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first" (Matthew 19:30, Mark 10:31, Luke 13:30). Similarly, in terms of diversity, it is the majority group that suffers most (although not exclusively) from this disconnect from reality caused by the dominant focus on the familiar. So diversity is not simply some vacuous "politically correct" fashion and the experience of the spectrum of diversity is not improved by equalizing the red/orange balance when the green, blue, and violet remain almost entirely absent. It is the experience of the unfamiliar which must be encouraged by diversity in education.

One of last week's correspondents to *The Holcad* made an interesting point in reference to diversity. He pointed out that if a diversity of students is beneficial then the diversity of colleges across the United States must also be desirable, and thus it would not, by the very tenets of diversity, be a good idea to homogenize Westminster College, making it "more nearly like dozens or even hundreds of other schools" (Theodore C. Stewart, Holcad, April 28, 2006). This is true; but the desirability of diversity does not create a right to be wrong, a right to misrepresent. It is specifically meant to enhance, not to reduce, the richness and standard of the educational experience offered to the students of any college. Colleges that misrepresent reality in whatever way they are inclined, or that offer unjustified opinions; would certainly increase diversity, but it would counter the primary function of all colleges, which is the teaching and dissemination—as far as is humanly possible—of true and accurate representations of reality.

That writer also brought a financial argument to bear, which is not entirely unconnected. He suggested that the President must run the college in a way so as to attract the donations of alumni like him who approve the President's policies. One must consider what would happen if institutions of education were controlled by the donations of frankly inexpert alumni and well-meaning donors who might be misled by their own limited experience rather than upholding the difficult and demanding position required by the freedom of the academy. Surely our present students provide the great majority of our funding and pay first and foremost for the highest standard of education that we can provide. The academic process demands training experts and developing new and sometimes uncomfortable insights into reality as we move with the times into the future. All colleges are duty bound to become "more nearly like" insofar as they avoid untruth—they all strive to teach the most correct, verified, experimentally substantiated versions of physics, the best available chemical theories, the most widely substantiated understandings of biological evolution, psychological development, and of human history and society. Accuracy and truth—honesty as other correspondents emphasized (Bischof, Geretz, Hesch, Scalfari, and Stubenbort, *Holcad*, April 28, 2006)—must be the first priority and the common denominator of all *bona fide* educational institutions.

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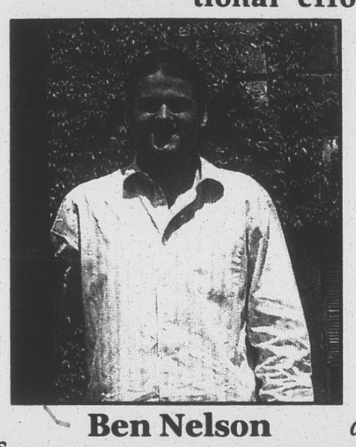
Dr. Rennie

Nonetheless, colleges will remain diverse as their own nature and character determines. Westminster College would be no less Westminster College for encouraging the enrollment of minorities of non-white or non-Christian backgrounds. We would remain a college 51% of whose trustees are required by our constitution to be Presbyterian; whose Bible Studies Scholar is required by tradition to be an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (PC-USA, that is—there is more than one Presbyterian Church). We would remain a college that employs a Presbyterian Chaplain and offers Presbyterian Chapel services. None of this would go away and Westminster's faith heritage and its unique character and thus its contribution to the diversity of colleges would in no wise be lessened. However, its contribution *as a college whose primary function is to educate and enlighten* would be enhanced and increased. Its accurate representation of the real would be enhanced.

In today's conflict-ridden world diversity is increasingly in evidence and there is a simplistic tendency to blame that very diversity—particularly religious diversity—for the conflict. However, expert research into the conflicts currently encircling the globe clearly indicate the contrary. It is not differences in culture, race, or religion that causes conflict, but competition for resources and the attempts of any one group to dominate others. The world is in fact shared by many and diverse groups of people and unless and until all these groups learn to interact peaceably and to share resources fairly, conflict and war is the inevitable outcome. But how can we learn to get along with people we do not even know, people we have never met? As long as we are unaware of other groups and unfamiliar with them as real human beings, the tendency will unavoidably be to value our own ideals above theirs and to seek to impose our values upon them. But, according to the World Council of Churches, "None of us is righteous enough to seek total victory or to demand a society in which our ideas of justice or our ideals alone will prevail" ("Violence, Non-violence and the Struggle for Social Justice," 1973). Seeking such dominance leads to conflict and to war. But again to quote the WCC, "War as a method of settling disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ. The part which war plays in our present international life is a sin against God and a degradation of man" (Amsterdam Assembly, 1948).



Ben Nelson

I might seem to have come a long way from diversity on the campus of Westminster College to war around the world. Perhaps it does require a leap of faith to associate academic accuracy with global peace. But surely a church-related institution of education is the right place to expect some such faith that the honest truth is what religion and education have in common and that they share in common the goal of global peace. Only then will the Church-relatedness and the educational mission of Westminster College truly harmonize.

There can be no question but that the educational effort requires the exposure of our students to as realistically diverse an experience of humanity as we can arrange for them. To devote over $1,500,000 *per annum* of internal college resources to increasing diversity on the campus of Westminster College would be a wholly admirable undertaking (the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program allows up to 150 students with annual scholarships of $11,000 each). However, given the preceding arguments, one must ask serious and difficult questions. Is our present commitment to diversity enough to enhance effectively the educational experience of our students? Does our use of resources constitute an accurate representation of reality? Is it an example of the sharing of resources among diverse groups that enhances peaceful interaction? Does "our interest ... in serving the church by offering the first and best opportunity to attend Westminster to young Presbyterians" (President Williamson, http://www.westminster.edu/spiritlife/yps/yps_overview.cfm) enhance or conflict in any way with our commitment to the agendas of accurate education and the Christian and humanitarian task of peacemaking?"

...Our concern was not with the direction in which Westminster was heading, but with the level of honesty regarding its ramifications.

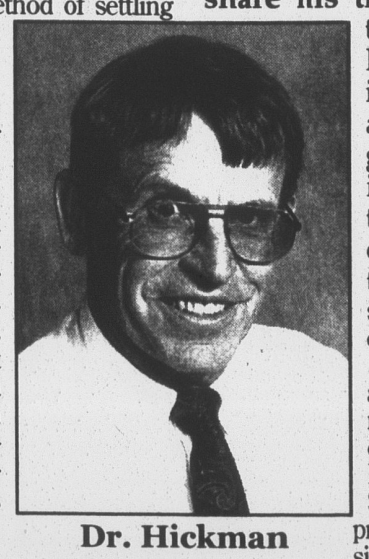
Ray and Ben

Accuracy and truth must be the first priority and the common denominator of all *bona fide* educational institutions.

Dr. Rennie

Next, we asked Professor of Mathematics Warren Hickman to share his thoughts on the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program and its potential impact on diversity. His response is noted below:

"I have been asked to share my perspective on the Young Presbyterian Scholarship program. Consistent with its affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its mission statement, the college certainly has the right to offer such a scholarship. I will focus on two aspects: the 3.5 present unweighted GPA and the future impact on campus diversity.



Dr. Hickman

Because of the great variation in rigor of high school academics, there is no level playing field with regard to GPA qualifications for scholarships. A student earning a 4.0 at one high school might have earned a 3.5 at another high school with a more rigorous program. Therefore, the question of recalculated (weighted) as opposed to unweighted is, to me, not of great significant concern. More importantly, I think there needs to be additional criteria included for all scholarships in order to reject, as a scholarship recipient, the 3.5 student with a low SAT score (e.g. 900). Therefore, I suggest two changes. The use of unweighted GPA's and SAT or ACT scores as part of the criteria for all scholarships.

Upon the inception of the Young Presbyterian (possible 150 per year) and Jerb Miller (possible 100 per year) Scholarships, I grew concerned about their impact on campus diversity. Several years of maxing out at 250 in an incoming class of 370 would be counterproductive to Westminster's mission statement and our quest for greater diversity on campus. However, we have not, so far, come near the 250 mark; and certainly the acceptance of the Young Presbyterian (or Jerb Miller) scholars has not prevented the acceptance of any qualified student. So currently, I see little impact on campus diversity, but I do believe it needs to be reevaluated periodically."

Dr. Rennie and Dr. Hickman identify many pertinent issues regarding diversity at Westminster College. In regards to religious affiliation, "Westminster is related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but the College welcomes and *respects* individuals that represent a wide range of beliefs" ("Spiritual Life" pages of the Westminster Web site). When we wrote about the YPS over a month ago, our concern was not with the direction in which Westminster was heading, but with the level of honesty regarding its ramifications. Both Dr. Hickman and Dr. Rennie noted that the size of the YPS (and Jerb Miller Scholarships) could become cause for concern. Dr. Hickman further stated that the programs have not reached a level near maximum capacity. Nevertheless, the potential remains. If the College was to offer the vast majority of scholarship money exclusively to Presbyterians, could it still claim to "welcome and respect" individuals possessing other beliefs? Unfortunately, that would be contradictory to the current understanding of the statement. This statement implies that the College will try to attract these students. If the position of the College has changed on this issue, then that must be made explicitly clear. Honesty, as was stressed last week by Bischof, Geretz, Hesch, Scalfari, and Stubenbort, is the key factor in this discussion.

Be sure to read the Graduation edition for part two of this forum with more opinions from the students and faculty.

Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Township Supervisor Accused of Indecent Exposure

A township supervisor from a Mercer County community faces more accusations of indecent exposure. 64-year-old Willis J. Swartz is a Lackawannock Township supervisor accused of exposing himself to women in nearby Hubbard, Ohio. Now State Police say another woman has come forward saying he flashed her back in October. Swartz has denied all the allegations. He claims the latest case is a matter of mistaken identity because of media attention. Swartz also says he refuses to resign as township supervisor.

New Wilmington Police Want to Crank Up the Voltage

Council Considers Tasers for Borough Police

New Wilmington's police officers could soon carry a new device to help them with their duties. After seeing a demonstration of Taser Products last month, the New Wilmington borough council has decided to look into purchasing two of them. These non-lethal weapons are hailed as an asset for officers working on the job alone. Chief Carmen Piccirillo allowed a taser to be used on him for demonstration purposes and he said it felt like getting hit with a freight train. However, after the voltage is turned of it's like nothing ever happened. The council will wait to approve giving New Wilmington police tasers after they review the policies of Sharon and Pittsburgh police departments.

Embezzlement Trial Begins Monday, May 15
Jury Selected for County Treasurer's Trial

A jury is now in place for the upcoming embezzlement trial of Lawrence County Treasurer Gary Felasco. The trial begins on Monday, May 15 in Venango County. Felasco received a change of venue because of heavy media coverage locally. Felasco is accused of stealing more than 47-thousand dollars in county tax funds. He denies the charges blaming the missing money on people who worked for him.

Weaver's

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. Why did immigrants rally in major U.S. cities on Monday?
   a. They protested for immigration reform in the U.S.
   b. They protested against civil rights violations in Mexico.
   c. They protested against the abuse of undocumented citizens by the border patrol.
   d. They protested against NAFTA.
   e. They rallied to support a trade embargo against Mexico.

2. Identify what the New Wilmington Police Department asked for from the borough council this week.
   a. Surveillance cameras for monitoring parking lots.
   b. Tasers.
   c. Radar guns for enforcing speed limits.
   d. A police dog.
   e. More overtime for officers working weekends.

3. What is the Lawrence County commission asking voters to do to prepare for the upcoming primary election?
   a. Register to vote.
   b. Bring a valid ID to the polls.
   c. Check out the new electronic voting system.
   d. Boycott the election.
   e. Research Referendum 255 to make an informed vote.

4.When is the primary election in Pennsylvania?
   a. May 16, 2006
   b. November 7, 2006
   c. May 9, 2006
   d. May 23, 2006
   e. June 6, 2006

5. Identify the celebrity the Supreme Court ruled in favor of this week allowing her to go back to courts in California to pursue part of her late husband's oil fortune.
   a. Angelina Jolie
   b. Anna Nicole Smith
   c. Denise Richards
   d. Leona Helmsley
   e. Amy Fisher

6. Where will the embezzlement trial of Lawrence County Treasurer Gary Felasco take place?
a. Venango County Court of Common Pleas in Franklin.
b. Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas in New Castle.
c. Mercer County Court of Common Pleas in Mercer.
d. Butler County Court of Common Pleas in Butler.
e. Armstrong County Court of Common Pleas in Kittanning.

7. When does the embezzlement trial of Lawrence County Treasurer Gary Felasco begin?
   a. Next week.
   b. This week.
   c. The final week of May.
   d. The first week of June.
   e. The first week of July.

1.) A 2.)B 3.)C 4.)A 5.)B 6.)A 7.) A

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Ripped from the Wire

Regional

Two students shot, wounded near Philadelphia highschool

Philadelphia school shooting

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Two students were shot across the street from their high school Wednesday morning, leading authorities to lock down the school, police said.

The victims, an 18-year-old woman and a 17-year-old boy, ran into Olney High School for help after being shot at about 8:45 a.m., police spokeswoman Beth Skala said.

The woman was shot in the buttocks and the boy in the upper right thigh, Skala said. The 18-year-old was in stable condition Wednesday afternoon at Albert Einstein Medical Center while the boy was treated and released, Philadelphia School District spokesman Joe Lyons said.

The shooting happened at a convenience store across the street from the North Philadelphia school, not on school grounds, Lyons said.

Police detained at least one woman at the scene and were questioning others, but did not immediately file any charges, Detective Steven Grace said Wednesday afternoon.

Officers climbed rooftops in the area to look for weapons, but did not recover any, a police spokesman said.

The shootings come as city and school officials continue to grapple with persistent gun violence. Last week, two men were sentenced to life in prison for a massive gunfight outside an elementary school that killed a 10-year-old in February 2004.

Lyons, however, said that serious incidents at Olney High _ including assault, drug and weapons offenses _ have fallen 30 percent this year, from 208 reports to 144. In September, the district split the large student body into two distinct high schools within the building _ each with about 1,000 students.

Anyone entering a district high school must pass through a metal detector, while hand-held wands are used when needed in middle and elementary schools, he said.

The Philadelphia School District has just under 200,000 students.

National

Earl Woods, father of Tiger Woods, dies

A farewell to Mr. Woods

(AP) - Earl Woods, who was more determined to raise a good son than a great golfer and became the role model, architect and driving force behind Tiger Woods' phenomenal career, died Wednesday morning at his home in Cypress, Calif. He was 74.

"My dad was my best friend and greatest role model, and I will miss him deeply," Tiger Woods said on his Web site. "I'm overwhelmed when I think of all of the great things he accomplished in his life. He was an amazing dad, coach, mentor, soldier, husband and friend. I wouldn't be where I am today without him, and I'm honored to continue his legacy of sharing and caring."

Woods was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1998 and was treated with radiation, but the cancer returned in 2004 and spread throughout his body. Last month, he was too frail to travel to the Masters for the first time. His son finished tied for third.

The last tournament Woods attended was the Target World Challenge in December 2004, when his son rallied to win and then donated $1.25 million to the Tiger Woods Foundation that his father helped him establish.

Earl Woods was more than a golf dad, more than a zealous father who lived vicariously through his son's achievements.

He had played catcher for Kansas State, the first black to play baseball in the Big Eight Conference, and he had been a Green Beret for two tours in Vietnam. But he felt his true purpose was to train Tiger, and he watched his son evolve into the dominant player of his time _ the youngest player to win the career Grand Slam _ and one of the most celebrated athletes in the world.

"I knew Tiger was special the day he was born," Woods said in a May 2000 interview with The Associated Press.

International

Strong earthquake off Pacific island nation of Tonga generates small tsunami

Tonga Earthquake

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (AP) - A magnitude 8.0 earthquake struck early Thursday near the South Pacific nation of Tonga, prompting tsunami warnings for as far away as Fiji and New Zealand. The warning was lifted after a tsunami of less than 2 feet was recorded.

There were no reports of injuries or damage from the quake or tsunami. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu lifted its warning for all areas within several hours. It said there was no data indicating that the 4:26 a.m. earthquake generated a giant wave.

"Sea level readings indicate a tsunami was generated," the center said. "It may have been destructive along coasts near the earthquake epicenter."

The temblor, classified by the U.S. Geological Survey as a "great" quake, struck about 95 miles south of Neiafu, Tonga, and 1,340 miles northnortheast of Auckland, New Zealand. It occurred 20 miles beneath the sea floor.

A warning said it was possible a tsunami could strike Fiji within two hours of the quake and then, an hour later, New Zealand.

Speaking about the time a wave was forecast to reach Fiji, police spokesman Mesake Koroi said in the capital, Suva, there had been no immediate reports of a tsunami.

In New Zealand, Sgt. James Tasmania of Gisborne police said civil defense authorities had been put on high alert, but he added that "none of the (ocean) monitoring buoys have reported anything significant."

A police officer in Tonga's capital, Nuku'alofa, said there were no immediate reports of damage or a tsunami.

Another officer in Neiafu, 180 miles to the north, said the quake was felt for about 90 seconds.

"It was strong but not long," duty constable Salesi Baongo said.

Asked whether the tsunami warning had been received, Baongo said, "No, we haven't heard about it."

Mary Fonua, a publisher in Nuku'alofa, said it was the most powerful quake she had felt in 27 years in Tonga.

"It was rocking and rolling, the floor was shaking, the whole family stood in the doorway and we heard crockery breaking in the kitchen and books fell from the shelves," she said.

"It's very dark and the power went off during the quake ... staff are reporting big flashes as the electricity grid went down during the shake and lines were broken."

"It felt very close but we haven't heard a tsunami warning" in the capital, she said.

Paula Chipman, a Seattle resident vacationing in Tonga, told CNN she felt the quake at her hotel. She said it "was a shaker, I mean it went up and down and back and forth and it was very, very hard."

When asked what kind of emergency response she saw, she replied: "Nothing. Zero." She also said she heard no warning of a possible tsunami.

Shelves were seen overturned in bookstores. Power in the city was restored after two hours, but most phone lines were jammed by incoming calls.

The center issued a warning that also covered Niue, Samoa, Wallis-Futuna and the U.S. territory of American Samoa.

A tsunami advisory was issued for Hawaii, but the warning center said the earthquake, based on historical records, was not sufficient to generate a tsunami damaging to the Pacific coasts of the United States and Canada, and Alaska. Some areas could experience small changes in sea level, it said.

The warning center's instruments detected a tsunami of less than 2 feet in areas close to the earthquake, geophysicist Barry Hirshorn said.

"We're not observing much of a tsunami," he said. "Strictly speaking, it's not very devastating."

Tonga _ a 170-island archipelago about halfway between Australia and Tahiti _ has a population of about 108,000 and an economy dependent on pumpkin and vanilla exports, fishing, foreign aid and remittances from Tongans abroad.

Now the last monarchy in the Pacific, Tonga has been a Polynesian kingdom and a protectorate of Britain, from which it acquired independence in 1970. It is ruled by 87-year-old King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, who is ailing.

Fiji, a South Pacific country made up of more than 300 islands, a third of which are inhabited, is regularly rattled by earthquakes, but few cause any damage or casualties.

Japanese diplomats say they want the Chinese people to learn of the 1947 Constitution in which Japan renounced war, Japan's provision of official development assistance to China and other Asian countries and its international peacekeeping missions under the U.N. mandates.

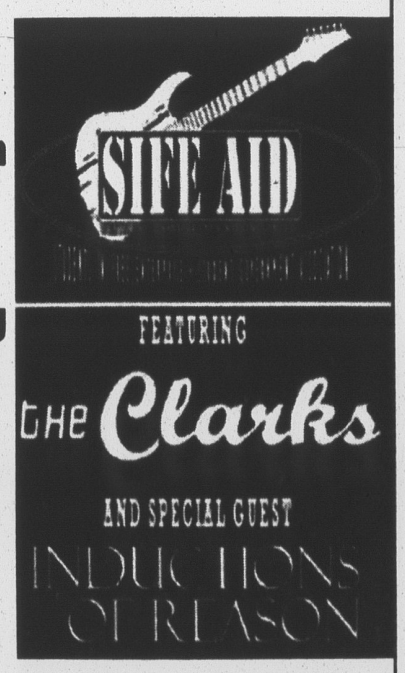
The embassy's spokesman, Keiji Ide, has said he has suggested to Chinese scholars and publishing houses that they engage in further discussion on the subject.

Friday May 5, 2006
Anderson Amphitheatre
Doors at 7:00 pm
I.O.R. hit the stage at 8:00 pm

Clarks at 9:00
Tickets sold at the tub during lunch or sold at the gate.

VolleyRock participants get in free

$5.00 WC Student
$15.00 Non-student



All proceeds benefit the 'I Care' House of New Castle

Campus News

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: A game and a lifestyle revealed

By Amanda Kovacic
Campus writer

Here at Westminster College, we pride ourselves on having a diverse student body, but many students don't know just how diverse this campus is.

There are many students on this campus who have different interests, the majority of which are supported by different organizations or clubs. There are also groups of people who are not organized at all but have similar interests. One of these groups is the eclectic collection of role-players on campus.

"Role-playing is taking on imaginary personas and acting out [the characters'] lives and adventures in a story-telling game format, sometimes involving either a highly interactive video game or "table top" dice and paper format." Matt Snyder, a 2005 alumnus, said.

There are, believe it or not, quite a few people on campus who role-play on a regular basis. Two groups play regularly in the Wile E. Conference room on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center on Monday and Wednesday nights, and there are many smaller groups that play either on regularly scheduled days or whenever they have enough people around at the moment.

The "table top" role-playing to which Snyder referred comes in many different genres – science fiction, fantasy and gothic, for example – but they all start with the same basis. Players in this type of role-playing use sheets of paper with information about their characters and roll dice to determine their character's success or failure at a task.

The dice used for role playing barely resemble what most people would consider "normal dice." There are not just the average six-sided dice, but also four-sided, eight-sided, ten-sided, twelve-sided, and twenty-sided. A complete set comes with one of each, but two ten-sided dice so that players can roll dice for a percent chance of something happening (one die for the tens place, one for the ones). Players usually refer to these dice by the letter D, followed by the number of sides the die has; for example, a "D10" is a ten-sided die.

Table top role-playing has a lot of positives and negatives. Matt Bower said that the medium provides more versatility to the players and the Game Master – or GM – than a video game might, but it also requires more effort from everyone involved.

"[In table top] you actually become the character," Bower said. "You have to act or sound different, like the character you're trying to portray - especially as the GM – because you're playing multiple characters."

Most role-players started when they were younger, in high school or even earlier, but more and more college students are starting to pick it up.

Mary Leonetti has only been playing for the last year or so, saying that her boyfriend introduced it to her.

"He showed me how much fun it was and I just kind of started playing," Leonetti said. "It was a good way to get some anxiety out from classes."

Even with some people beginning to role play now, it still seems to catch on faster with the younger crowd in high schools. Anthony Colwell has been playing since sixth grade when he started with Advanced Dungeons and Dragons. He still plays once or twice a week when possible, saying one of his favorite worlds to play in is still Dungeons and Dragons.

"I think [Dungeons and Dragons] is becoming more acceptable than it used to be," Colwell said.

Rob King has also been playing for many years and agreed that the perception of D&D has started to change for the better.

"I think since it's begun to grow in popularity, the industry as a whole has been trying to improve its image," King said. "I think there are more new role players now because the material is more readily available. It's more accessible to people."

Heather Evakich said she can see a definite increase in the number of role-players out there.

"It used to be the kind of thing that kids who lived at home with their parents until they were 30 did while hiding out in their basement," Evakich said. "Now, people are more open-minded and more willing to try new things."

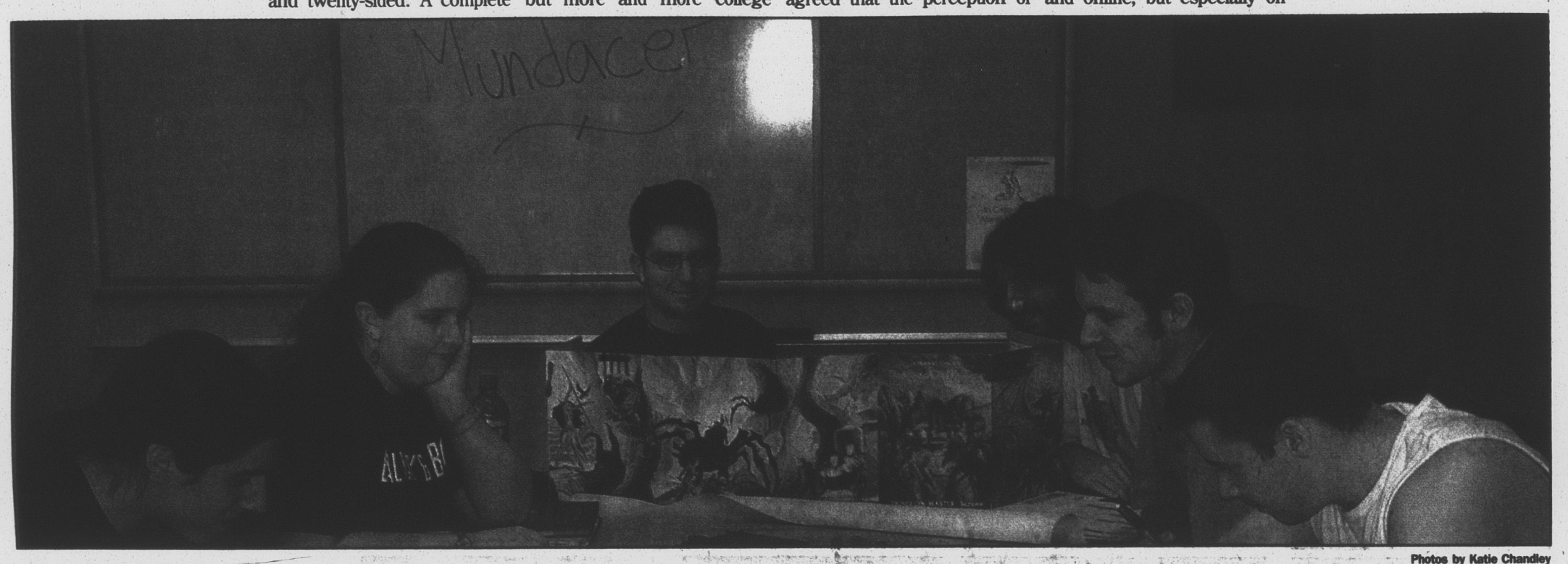
At the same time, there are those who started role-playing in grade school or even high school who have since outgrown that phase of their life. Colin Dean played the Star Wars role-playing game (RPG) in high school, both table top and online, but especially online. He then played table top Vampire: The Masquerade and later Trinity, but eventually moved away from the entire role-playing culture.

"I haven't had enough time in college," Dean said. "I've been too busy."

But even when he does have time, Dean prefers to play online RPGs like Neverwinter Nights. He said he's not comfortable with the acting involved in table top role-playing; it felt weird to him.

Snyder, on the other hand, finished up by saying that anyone who was interested in learning more about role playing could easily check out Bell's Comics in Grove City.

"They sell all of the books or dice you'd need to start tabletop sessions of Dungeons and Dragons, and hold weekly gaming sessions for those unable to find a group," Snyder said.



Photos by Katie Chandley

Jeremy Schilling, Amanda Kovacic, Bryan Bischoff, Justin Sedlak, Ryan Moore, and Justin Smith enjoy a D&D session in the Wile Conference room in McKelvey. The group, Mundacer, gathers weekly to roll the dice and slay dragons, disarm traps and unleash fierce, arcane magic spells on their enemies. The screen in front of Bischoff is the GM screen that prevents players from seeing the GM's notes.

Phi Kappa huh? Fraternity files theft report with local police

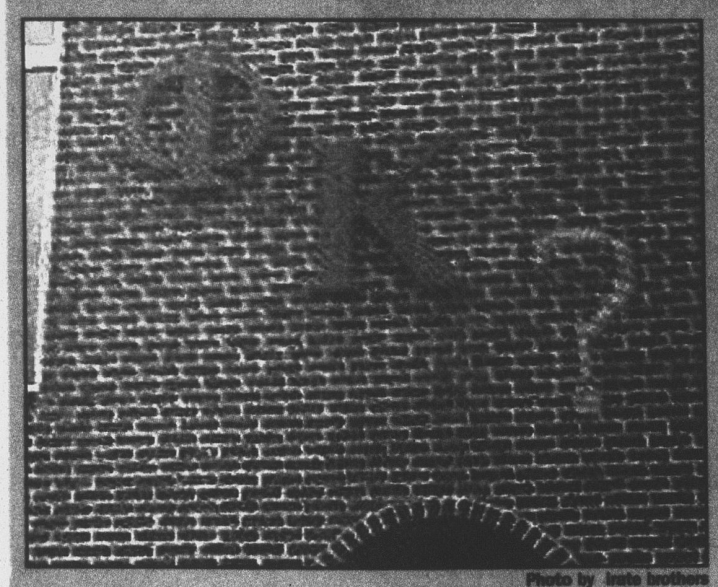


Photo by Irate brothers

Our college's public safety isn't handling the theft because Phi Kappa Tau is off-campus. As of now, no updates or leads have been released.

By Laura Kocher
Contributing writer

Sometime on Sunday morning, a Phi Kappa Tau brother walked outside of his fraternity house and, looking up, noticed that something was missing. Perhaps he blinked a few times and shook his head, but his sight was not deceiving him; there were the "Phi," the "Kappa,"... but where was the "Tau" sign that had, until the previous night, hung proudly from the front of the house? This question is a mystery that has yet to be solved, but that has created much stir and speculation on campus.

Sometime on Saturday night after Greek Week's "Sing and Swing" had finished, the giant "T" was stolen from Phi Kappa Tau's fraternity house. No one has yet claimed responsibility for this act, and none of the fraternity brothers can do more than guess about who may have done this.

"We have not heard anything about who took it," said Wes Davis, a junior Phi Tau brother.

No one seems to be sure, either, how those responsible were able to remove such a large object without attracting more attention. "I am impressed that the[y]... were able to remove a four foot letter off of our house especially without anyone noticing," said Douglas Rab, a junior at Phi Tau.

The whereabouts of the "Tau" are still unknown, although the brothers are doing all they can to recover it.

Poor little guy must be lonely and scared without the 'Phi' and 'Kappa' by its side. I'm sure 'Tau' just misses its home.

Phi Tau brother Ben Smith

"We have been asking people about it and putting up fliers around campus about it," brother Ben Smith said. A report has also been filed with the local police, since the Phi Kappa Tau house is off-campus and does not fall within the jurisdiction of campus security. If the letter is never recovered, it will eventually be replaced so that the house won't remain "Tau"-less for long.

While some of the members at Phi Tau are moderately upset, calling the prank "childish," the general feeling is summed up in the words of Rab: "We just want it back."

"It's a little upsetting," adds Ben Smith, "but fraternity pranks happen. I'm more concerned for the 'Tau.' Poor little guy must be lonely and scared without 'Phi' and 'Kappa' by its side. I'm sure 'Tau' just misses its home. I'm also sure that it will eventually be returned and/or we'll find out who did this."

If you have any information about the missing "Tau," please contact the President of Phi Kappa Tau, Matthew Tarbay, at tarbayma@westminster.edu.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High	High 58	High 60	High 63	High 71	High 68	High 67
Low	Low 31	Low 38	Low 44	Low 47	Low 47	Low 44
Partly sunny and pleasant	Cooler with variable clouds	Partly sunny	A good deal of sun	Sunny to partly cloudy	Overcast	Periods of rain

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:14 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Saturday	6:13 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Sunday	6:12 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
Monday	6:11 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Tuesday	6:10 a.m.	8:26 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	12:59 p.m.	2:59 a.m.
Saturday	2:01 p.m.	3:23 a.m.
Sunday	3:02 p.m.	3:44 a.m.
Monday	4:03 p.m.	4:03 a.m.
Tuesday	5:04 p.m.	4:21 a.m.

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 5	May 13	May 20	May 27

Weather History

Denver, Colo., had its greatest May snowstorm ever on May 5, 1917. By the time the storm ended, 12 inches of snow had accumulated.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	65	40	pc	55	35	pc	62	41	s	64	45	s	72	49	s
Butler, PA	69	39	pc	60	30	pc	63	35	s	62	45	s	71	47	s
Cambridge, OH	69	40	pc	63	34	pc	62	38	s	68	45	s	71	50	s
Canton, OH	66	40	pc	57	33	pc	61	40	s	65	44	s	71	48	s
Cincinnati, OH	68	44	pc	65	40	pc	68	44	pc	72	47	s	75	52	pc
Clarion, PA	65	39	pc	57	29	c	58	35	s	64	42	s	67	46	s
Clarksburg, WV	70	46	pc	62	33	pc	61	38	pc	68	44	s	72	48	s
Cleveland, OH	63	40	pc	54	38	pc	59	42	s	65	46	s	69	49	s
Columbus, OH	67	45	pc	61	37	pc	65	43	s	72	47	s	72	53	t
Cumberland, MD	69	46	pc	61	35	pc	58	39	pc	61	44	s	66	48	s
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Zanesville, OH	67	41	pc	61	32	pc	63	37	s	67	45	s	72	51	s

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Lady Titans hope to continue hot streak

By Brandon Phillian
Campus Writer

Hitting the ball and playing the game, driving the other team insane, you've got the will, so what a thrill, goodness gracious the Lady Titans are on fire.

Crestview Hills, Kentucky is where the Lady Titans hope to continue their hot streak in the highly anticipated PAC tournament. By capturing first place in the PAC regular season standings, Thomas More hosts this year's PAC tournament.

Although Thomas More has attained home field advantage throughout the tournament, the Lady Titans have plenty of reasons to be optimistic. Coming into the tournament as the number two seed, the Lady Titans have the distinction of the only team hoping to repeat as PAC champion. Just as the Lady Titans believed they could journey to Bethany and bring make the title last year, they believe they can accomplish that same feat this year.

"The PAC tournament is what we've been working for all year. It is the season finale, and for the seniors, it is truly the grand finale," states Karisa Nilsen, senior outfielder. The PAC tournament is truly the season finale because the winner of the tournament takes home the prestigious honor of PAC champion.

Maryalice Skinner, senior catcher, states, "I hope we win the PAC tournament and bring the title home to Westminster for the second year in a row. We want to go out with a bang."

In obtaining the number two seed in the tournament, the Lady Titans posted another great week by sweeping PAC foe Waynesburg and splitting their doubleheader with non-conference rival Hiram.

"Waynesburg was a good way to end our preparation for the PAC tournament. After winning the PAC tournament last year, we want to repeat. Going 10 innings against Waynesburg and winning showed our character and intensity, and we want to carry that same intensity into the PAC tournament," states Jennifer Pancake, junior pitcher.

Finally, while nothing could be sweeter for the Lady Titan seniors than winning the PAC tournament, that feeling comes as one that is bittersweet. The upcoming PAC tournament marks the last time that the seniors will wear the Lady Titan uniform as players.

Senior Karisa Nilsen states, "Our senior class is very close. We're like sisters and have spent an amazing four years together. We're all grateful to have worn the Lady Titan uniform and wish the best of luck to the team in the future."

As the Lady Titans make the trek through the hills of Kentucky, they just may do it while singing this tune, "Don't chew your nails and don't twiddle your thumbs. Don't be nervous, just go out, play and have fun. Come on baby, let's drive the other team crazy. Goodness gracious the Lady Titans are on fire."

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Lady Titans huddle up before heading in for their turn at bat.

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Senior Karisa Nilsen lays down a hit for the Titans.

Yes, we do care about the Browns

By Steve Franklin
Campis Writer

As many of you know the Cleveland Browns have not drafted well since their return to the NFL in 1999. Since 1999 only 2 players drafted in the first round by the Browns remain on the roster, tight end Kellen Winslow and wide out Braylon Edwards. The importance of drafting well cannot be understated considering that 18 of the Steelers' 22 starters for this year's Super Bowl were drafted by Pittsburgh. Luckily for us Browns fans new coach Romeo Crennel and new general manager Phil Savage have now turned in 2 successful drafts in a row.

Cleveland entered the 2006 off season with needs on both sides of the ball but mainly the front seven on defense. The Browns recorded a league worse 23 sacks last year showing they need help up front putting pressure on the quarterback. They also struggled against the run, lacking size and speed on the defensive line. They addressed some of their problems stopping the run in free agency acquiring veteran line backer Willie McGinest and defensive tackle Ted Washington.

The 2006 NFL Draft is where the Browns addressed their need for pressure drafting Kamerion Wimbley out of Florida State with their first pick, number 13 overall. This gives the Browns the perfect guy for their defensive scheme, a guy who can line up at either defensive end or outside linebacker and has the speed and agility to get to the quarterback. With their second round pick they selected inside linebacker D'Qwell Jackson out of Maryland. Jackson has led the ACC in tackles the last 2 seasons and will be a nice compliment to Andre Davis, McGinest and Wimbley. The end of the first day the Browns selected Travis Wilson wide out from Oklahoma. Although his stats were down last season he is a tough, physical receiver who is not afraid to go over the middle, which is something the Browns offense have been lacking in years past. He should fit well as a number four receiver for Cleveland.

Day two is where NFL teams try to find that diamond in the rough. The Browns had 7 picks in day two looking to add depth to their roster. They added line backer Leon Washington from Miami (FL) who they believe has the athletic ability and potential to be a great player in the NFL. Also on the defensive side of the ball they drafted corner back Demario Minter who can give the Browns some depth in the defensive backfield. In the sixth round they drafted defensive tackle Babatunde Oshinowo out of Stanford. Savage and Crennel believe this could be the steal of the late rounds. On the offensive side a player to look out for in Jerome Harrison, running back out of Washington State. Although only 5'9 and 200lbs. he has the ability to stop on a dime and get to the outside.

Cleveland had their second successful draft in a row filling holes and adding depth to the roster. Overall I would give them a grade of B+ because they drafted guys that would best fit their system. For the first time since their return to the league the Browns are heading in the right direction and will be a threat to steal some games against the tough AFC North this upcoming season.

Sports Short: **Titan Track & Field teams capture eight titles at PAC Championships**

The Titan men's & women's track & field teams hosted the 2006 PAC Championships Saturday at Harold Burry Stadium, posting a total of eight conference event titles as a team.

The Lady Titans finished in third place with 121 points, trailing PAC champion Washington & Jefferson and Grove City and ahead of Thiel, Waynesburg, and Bethany.

The Titan men posted 54 points to finish in fourth place behind team champion Grove City, Thiel and W&J and ahead of Waynesburg and Bethany.

The Lady Titans were paced by freshman Kate Kushner, who captured PAC titles in both the 100 meter hurdles and 400 meter hurdles. Other Westminster women capturing PAC championships include senior Sonya Cole, sophomore Jessica Cooper in the triple jump and freshman Rebecca Shiner in the 800 meter run.

Leading the Titan men was senior Adam Hadbavny, who captured PAC titles in both the discus and shot put. Sophomore Cory Criss also captured a conference title in the 800 meter run.

The Westminster track & field teams will compete next Saturday (May 6) at the University of Akron Invitational in Akron, Ohio.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Pick 'em up!

This year's installment of the NFL Draft - a spring injection into the veins of diehard football fans – naturally included surprise picks, various trades and a tremendous amount of uncertainty.

The Steelers walked away with yet another intriguing, confusing, but otherwise efficient draft. They selected two wide receivers in the first three rounds, both of which will likely factor heavily into their punt and kickoff return game.

With the 25th overall pick, the Steelers traded up seven spots to select Ohio State's Santonio Holmes (5'10½, 188 pounds).

Holmes averaged 12.8 yards on 11 punt returns and 21.7 on 11 kickoff returns. Also, he not only scored 11 touchdowns last season (10 more than Antwaan Randle El), but he also ranks fifth on the school's all-time receiving list with 140 catches.

Even though he's been in Pittsburgh for less than a week, Holmes has already drawn comparisons to Hines Ward - mainly for his blocking and willingness to be a team player.

"I'm sacrificing for the team, not just myself. I've only been able to catch 30 passes in high school and 40 passes in college, so I won't look for anything less than just being a team player at the next level," said Holmes in his preliminary interview in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers then traded away their second round pick, giving them multiple third round selections. They used their first third-rounder yesterday to take safety Anthony Smith of Syracuse.

Smith, a native of Hubbard, Pa, started a total of 35 games for the'Cuse, while ranking third all-time among defensive backs with 293 tackles.

With their second pick in the round, the Steelers selected another speedy wide receiver Willie Reid of Florida State.

The more dangerous of the two newly selected returnmen, Reid returned 31 punts last year, while amassing an average of 17.5 yards and even hit the endzone three times.

They also selected Willie Colon in the fourth round. Colon is an "edgy" player from the Bronx, and his intense style of play should work in Pittsburgh. It also doesn't hurt he is 6'3, 315 pounds.

In the sixth round they selected Marvin Philip, a 6'1, 307 pound center from California (Ca.). Philip was a two-time runner up for the Rimington Trophy, an award given annually to the nation's top center.

Lastly, the Steelers added yet another quarterback from the Mid-American Conference. Bowling Green's Omar Jacobs left college a year early after posting 77 career TD's and only 11 interceptions. Jacobs will back up two other MAC products in Charlie Batch (Eastern Michigan) and Ben Roethlisberger (Miami, OH).

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A&E Arts & Entertainment

Remember 9/11 ...United 93

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

United 93 is not a commentary film. It happens in the present tense as we board the plane as one of the passengers, and when the film cuts to black, a piece of us is left on that plane.

Director Paul Greengrass managed to remain neutral in his filmmaking; you will not sense any political commentary, no mention of Al Qaeda or Iraq, not even a stereotype against Arabs. There are no famous faces in the cast; we do not even focus on one particular character. The film simply happens, we know what the passengers know and that's all. Of course we have foresight, which makes it all the more frustrating that we can merely watch as these ordinary people board their last flight.

The terrorists in the film are not portrayed as turban-wearing Arabs, but as businessman with a divine mission, according to them, in mind. Often we see them praying from the Koran or crying to God to give them strength to complete His mission. This may seem offensive, or completely ludicrous, to most people, but it really was what these terrorists believe. There really is no point for me to rationalize the irrational.

My friend Danielle Gorley, who saw the film with me, noted that the whole time she felt completely powerless. We hope that United 93 would be delayed just four minutes more during taxi...but it isn't, and four minutes later the first plane crashes into the tower. We see inside the FAA offices, the control towers, and a military control room as they stand dumbfounded. Reports come in; it's confusing to find out what planes really are hijacked with over four thousand planes in flight.

While people are trying to figure out what happened to the first tower, we watch as America sees the second plane hit the tower. The reactions of the tower were mine: horror and shock. The sickening plot sinks in slowly, and the FAA and military try to get to work.

Unfortunately, the wrong planes are being tracked. United 93 is hijacked, the terrorists kill the pilots and take control. Frightened passengers cry and call loved ones at home, only to find out that the WTC has been hit by a plane. The truth hits: they will not be getting off this plane alive. The emotion consumes us as we watch these ordinary people muster the courage to fight back and break into the cockpit. By the end there is so much confusion, yelling, and screaming that we have no idea what is happening. And then it stops. Screen black. Just as it was for them.

Is this an easy film to watch? Of course not, I was emotionally drained afterwards. However, it made me appreciate United 93's sacrifice so much more. You're thrown back in time to September 11, 2001, and you walk out of the theater five years later. The film never shows the big picture, which I think is smart for now. We're not ready for a political commentary on 9/11 yet, but I think it was time for a film to honor those brave people who lost their lives that day.

Rating: A

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Sex & SEX and the amish ITY

Laura's craziest idea yet: Get married for the sake of the experience and write a *Holcad* article about it

I have spent the past semester examining dating and love, which of course translates in to me just expressing my bitterness journalistically. As this year draws to a close, and I am about to leave this quaint little peach of a town (AKA a romantic abyss/ love vacuum that exists merely to prep the future cat ladies of America), I wanted to exit with a grand display of the ultimate form of a relationship: I wanted to get married... like, right now.

I thought the perfect way to end my glorious reign as the *Holcad* love goddess would be a Britney Spears type quickie wedding with an annulment moments later. As an aside, Britney Spears should totally write a self-help book for single women around the world. The book would only have to be one page long, featuring a picture of Kevin Federline and a caption of: "You might be single, but I'm stuck with this." See ladies, it could always be worse! I'd take loneliness and heartache over K-Fed and his impregnating ways any day! Honestly, he should not be allowed near any more uteruses. Someone needs to stop him from spreading his genes.

Anyway, apparently I am the only one crazy enough to think marrying for the sake of a *Holcad* article is a good idea. Otherwise, I would be talking about my trip down the aisle right now instead of a washed-up popstar turned baby machine. Don't pretend like that wouldn't have been the sweetest article you have ever read, because it definitely would have been. Alas, it shouldn't have come as a surprise that I couldn't find a gentleman to tie the knot. As someone so graciously pointed out, I can't even find a date, let alone someone to marry even for just several hours.

Perhaps this all could have worked had I thought of the plan before Monday. I probably could have used my feminine wiles (or pure grain alcohol) and convinced someone to take the plunge, but apparently marriage licenses take several days to receive anyway. So basically, this plot was a bust from the beginning.

Thus is the story of this column: a bust from the very first week of the semester. I love you all for reading and hopefully laughing. I bid you adieu, *Holcad* readers, it's been a real treat.

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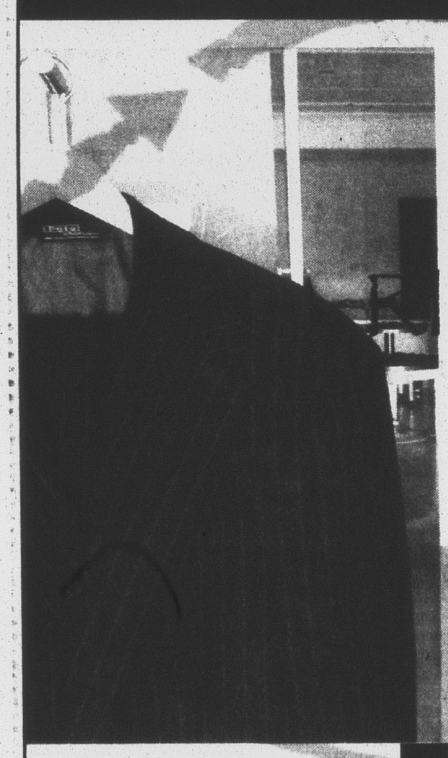

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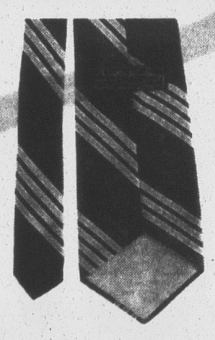

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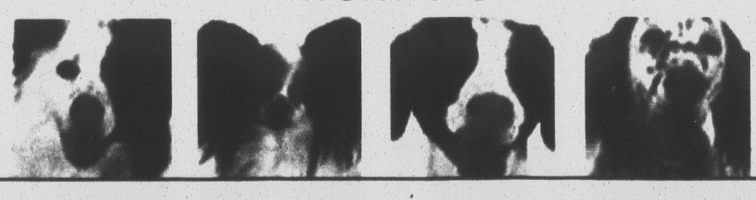

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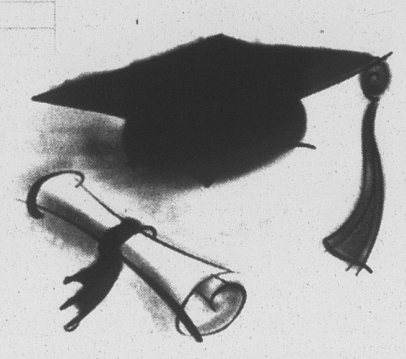

List of Potential Graduating Seniors for May 2006

Good Luck Seniors

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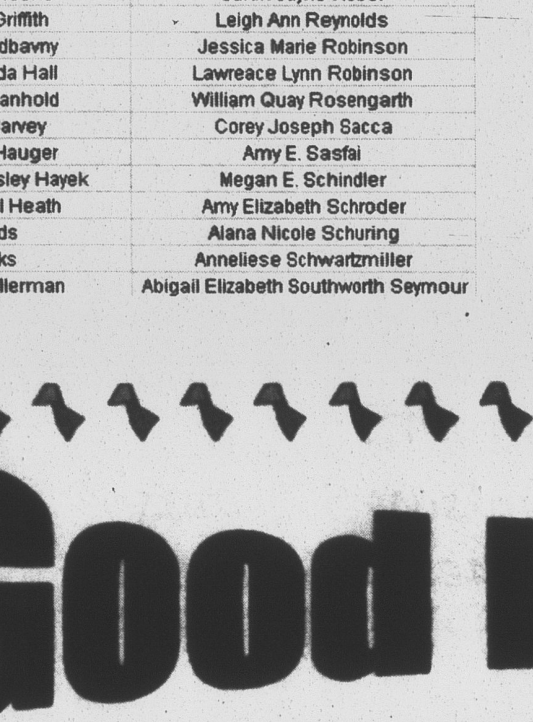

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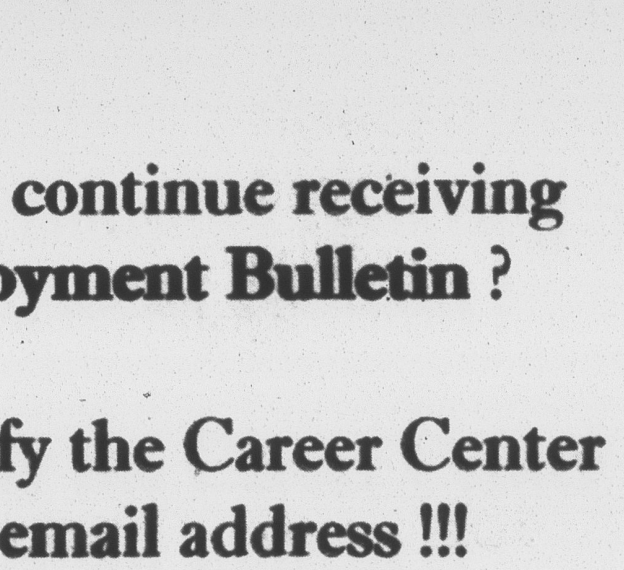
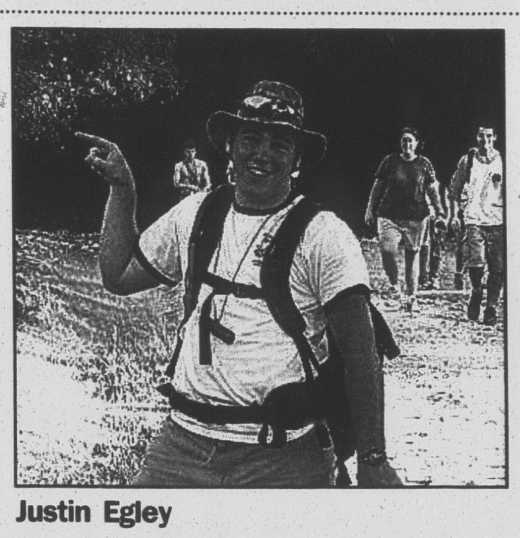


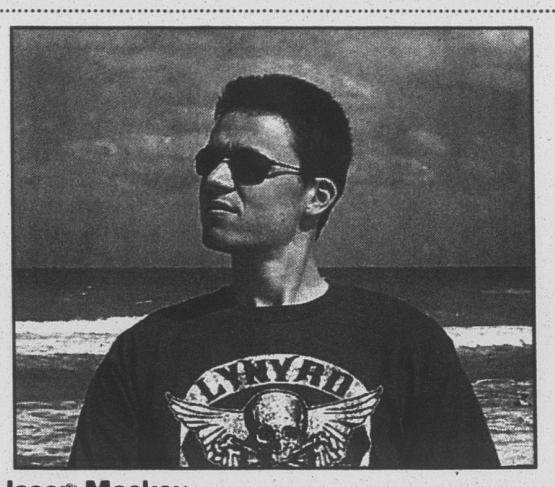
CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2006

HOLCAD SENIOR SEND-OFF 2006

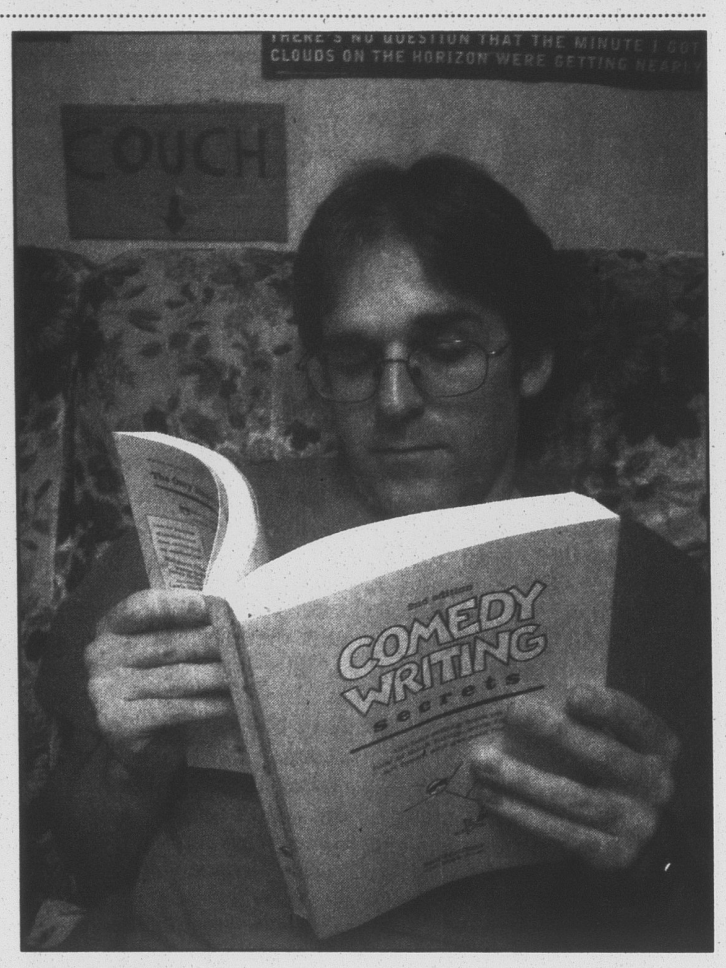
Jaimee Davis
English, Music minor
Favorite Quote: "You want to know how I did it? This is how I did it...I never saved anything for the swim back." (GATTACA)
Plans after graduation: Finding a job as a copy editor...
What will you take away from your Holcad experience: A love for journalism and an unconquerable need to copyedit anything before I can read it for content.
Favorite faculty member and why: Doc Harrison; because of her, I visited Germany & the Netherlands, played awesome historical instruments, and learned so much more than just classroom material.



Justin Egley
Art Technology, Broadcast Communications minor
Personal Motto: "Good enough for the people I work for"
Plans after graduation: Getting married on June 24 and starting my own Video Production Company
Greatest lesson learned at WC: Elimination of Procrastination.
If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you want with you? A boat with lots of fuel so I could get the heck off the island. Dee Dee Dee.
Pancakes or waffles and why: Pancakes and waffles because I'm a fat kid and I like to eat, especially breakfast. MMMMMM.



Jason Mackey
Broadcast Communications
Favorite quote: "If you have an itch, scratch it."
Plans for the future: Someday I want to be a sportscaster either in Washington, DC or, eventually, Pittsburgh. I also wouldn't mind announcing some baseball on television. But in the meantime, I figure I would become a groundskeeper at George Mason University.
If I was stranded on a desert island: (And this isn't because this is for a newspaper), most people would say that I would want my newspaper. I would have to agree, but I'm just not sure how appetizing print journalism would be.
Favorite prof: My favorite faculty member would have to be "The Professor" Dave Cohen. Whenever you look at how beautiful the grounds at Westminster College are, make sure you realize the brains behind that beauty. That is Dave Cohen.

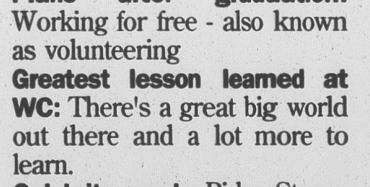


Bryan Peck
English
Personal Motto: "Don't Panic"
Plans after graduation: Professional Hobo
What would you do for a nickel? I'd give you a nickel. If you want another one, you'll have to give me five more cents.
If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you want with you? An army of monkey butlers and a massive treehouse. Oh, and a rifle. You have to keep those monkeys on their toes or else they'll rebel.
Pancakes or waffles and why: Pancakes. Waffles are too... waffley. Too many pockets. Never trust something with lots of pockets.

Nawal Rajeh
Political Science, Peace Studies minor
Plans after graduation: Working for free - also known as volunteering
Greatest lesson learned at WC: There's a great big world out there and a lot more to learn.
Celebrity crush: Rider Strong (aka Shawn Hunter)
Favorite pastime at Westminster: Going to the Down Under!

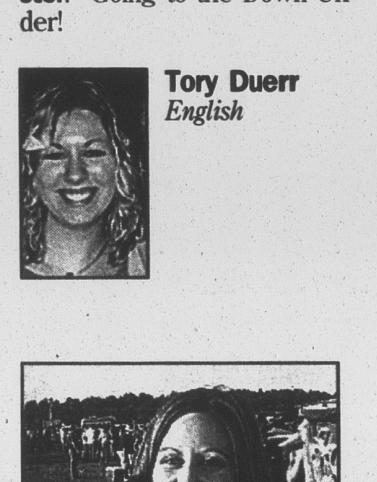
Tara Hoellerman
Media Art
Personal Motto: "Get out of my way or I'll run you over."
Plans after graduation: I'll be working as a creative assistant for Peter David Communications in New Wilmington.
Pancakes or Waffles: Waffles with strawberries and whipped cream
Greatest lesson learned at WC: There are so many ways to scam Westminster back if you go about it properly.
What would you do for a nickel: I've already been working for *The Holcad.*

Kathryn Larson
English and Broadcast Communications double major
Favorite word: Illustrious
Favorite quotes: "I have wasted time, and now doth time waste me." - *Richard II*, Shakespeare
"In the death of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." - Albert Camous
Plans after graduation: Finding lots of nice boys wearing bowties and seersucker, and drinking bottled wine instead of boxed. Reporting for an affiliate in a warm climate, and eventually taking Barbara Walters' job, converting the show to 30/30 (slightly skewed for my own unique perspective). I also aspire to grow up to be Buttons the dog.
Greatest lesson learned at WC: You can use *The Holcad* printer for free if you're on staff ;-)
What will you take away from The Holcad**:** Stretch marks from bearing 24 of them this school year, without epidurals or assistance from boxed wine.
What would you do for a nickel: I, too, already been working for *The Holcad.*

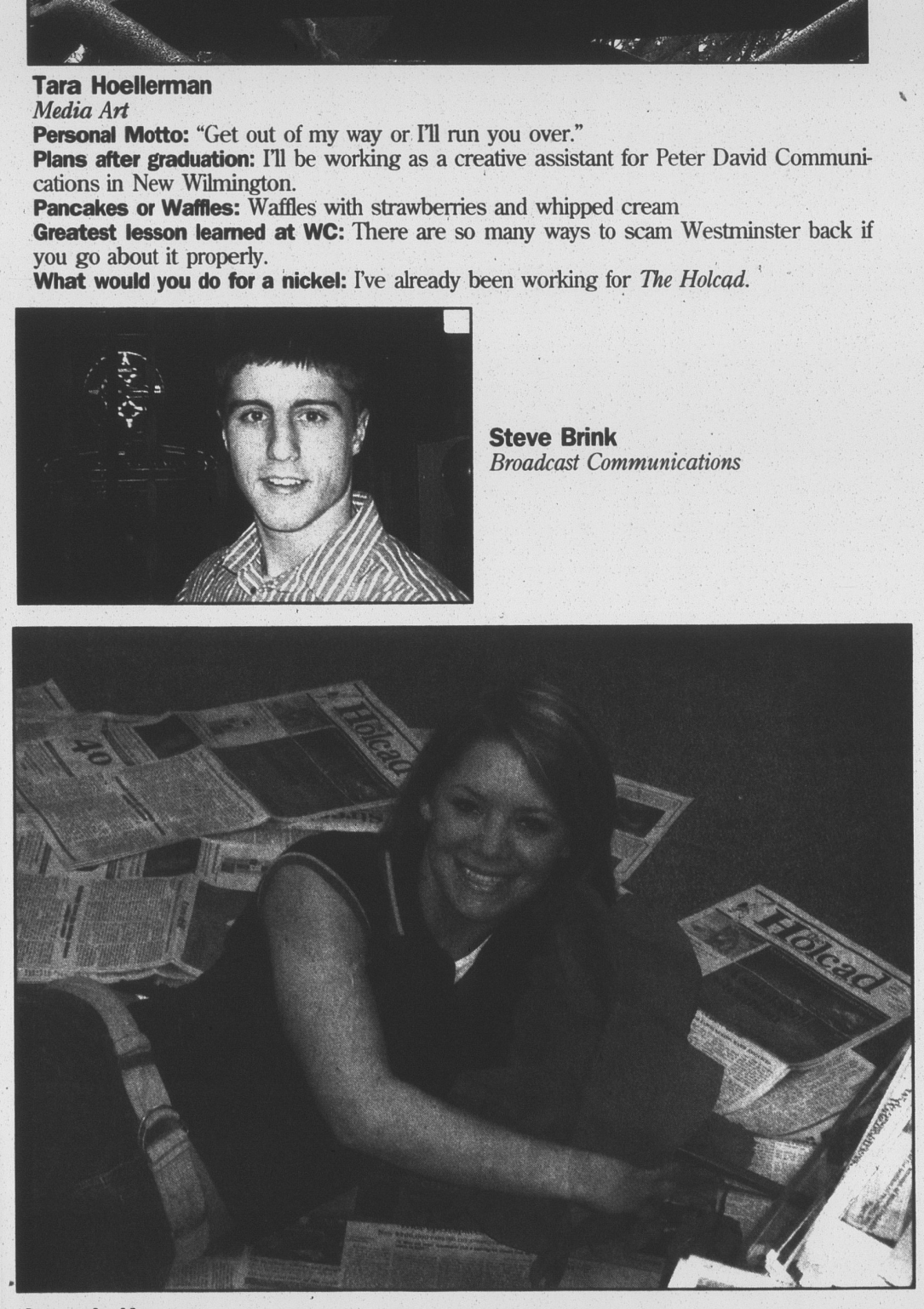


Sara Camerota
English

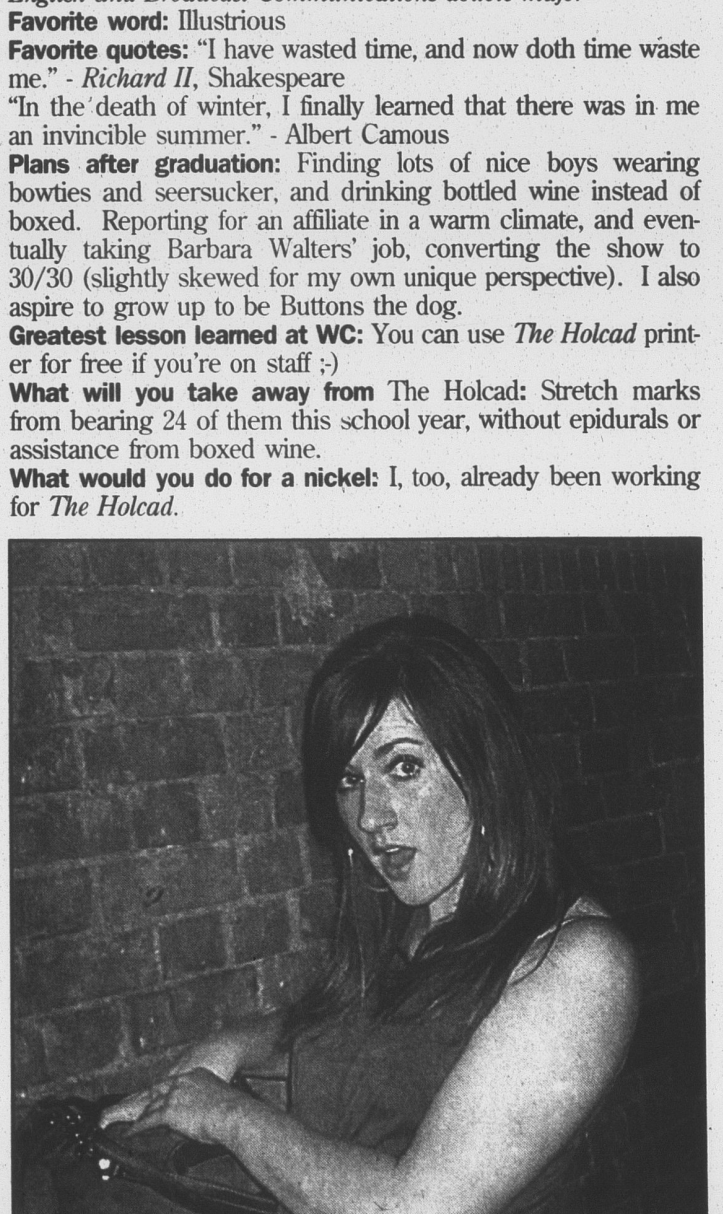
Steve Brink
Broadcast Communications



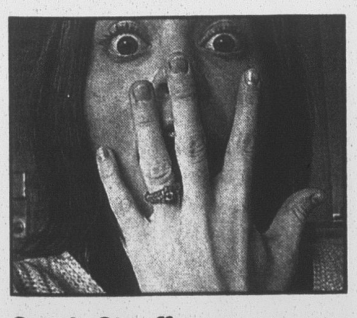
Tom Heath
Political Science



Amanda Hauger
Broadcast Communications, Writing minor
Favorite Quote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou
Plans after graduation: To enter the unknown with a smile and a leap of faith.
Favorite faculty member and why: My favorite faculty member is Dr. Andrea Grove. Not only is she incredibly intelligent and passionate about what she does, but she also has a genuine concern for her students and pushes them to be the best they can be. Westminster will surely miss her at the end of this year.
What will you take away from your Holcad experience: The Holcad helped me to remember my true passion is: writing. Through *The Holcad* I've also learned that Westminster is filled with fascinating students and that it is true that everyone has a story.
If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you want with you?: If I were stranded on a desert island I'd want Soft Lips chapstick, a good mascara, a book I could read over and over again, oh and my boyfriend too ;-)



Laura Zorch
Public Relations, Fine Art minor
Plans after graduation: Hopefully earning an income above poverty level, doing some traveling, and avoiding spinster-hood at all costs.
Greatest lesson learned at WC: That you can and will earn a degree even if all of the work you've done at Westminster only equals about 25 minutes of your time.
What would you do for a nickel? I would dance up a storm on a sidewalk, making professional grinder monkeys look vastly inferior in skill.
Pancakes or waffles and why: Pancakes are unbelievable. They are so simple yet taste so delightful! I've had some good waffles in my day, but pancakes are always the most delicious breakfast treat.



Serah Stauffer
Art, Writing minor

Campus News

Hot hot heat

—School explains why all buildings aren't A/C equipped

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor in chief

Sometimes it's hard to find a cool, refreshing oasis when you return to your stuffy, sauna hot dorm room.

At least that's what SGA judicial chair Kial Vidic says is fanning most of her current responsibilities. Vidic fields student complaints, and said she sees a bevy of them-specifically regarding the lack of air in the dorm rooms.

"The problem is that there is no consistency in the dorms in March and February," Vidic said. "Sometimes it goes from 65 degrees to 90."

Vidic says most complaints come from the top floor of Jeffers, and Eichenauer where the boys must keep their windows open year round.

"I'm too hot," Eichenauer resident Ray Walling said. "I think the school spends a ridiculous amount of money on gas for heating. A majority of people have to keep their windows open around the year."

So why hasn't the school added air-conditioning?

"It's the original design," Physical Plant supervisor Owen Wagner said. He means that most of our buildings weren't made for A/C.

"Just imagine Hillside built in the 1890s, they wouldn't have built it with that," Wagner said.

But the age problem isn't the only reason there's no A/C installation.

"It's because of geographical, calendar and cultural reasons," Wagner said. And if that's not enough, "It's just too costly."

Vice President of Finance Ken Romig agrees.

"There's nothing about resident hall A/C in our current plan," he said.

Romig is referring to our college's five-year strategic plan. Romig said it was omitted because setting up a system can cost more than $300,000, as it did with Old Main.

And, Romig said it can also cost much more. "[Installing air conditioning] is not a nice, clean thing," Romig said.

Romig notes that lots of variables- ranging from electricity to compressors and building structure reinforcement- must be examined.

So will the dorms ever have air conditioning? Both officials say not for a long time. Next year, however, if you're living in the townhouses, you're in luck.

The townhouses will use "geothermal technology." Each individual unit will receive its air conditioning from an underground well pumping cool air or heat (depending on season) out at Earth's constant 55 degree temperature.

Romig said, in the case of the townhouses, this is a worthwhile cost efficient measure. "The upfront cost is $30,000, but we'll earn that back by 2011, and save more than $6000 each year because of it," he said.

In the meantime, Vidic said students can still sound their complaints.

"The beauty of the old buildings is that they're a part of the mystique on this campus, but if there are concerns with the air, they should be addressed," Vedic said.

As for air conditioning issues inside campus buildings, most academic buildings have air conditioning, but Patterson and Beeghly Auditorium are currently being eyed for installation in the future.

"We're working with the engineer to see what they could update and make happen," Wagner said.

I think the school spends a stupid amount of money on gas for heating. A majority of people have to have their windows open year round.

Resident of Eichenauer Ray Walling

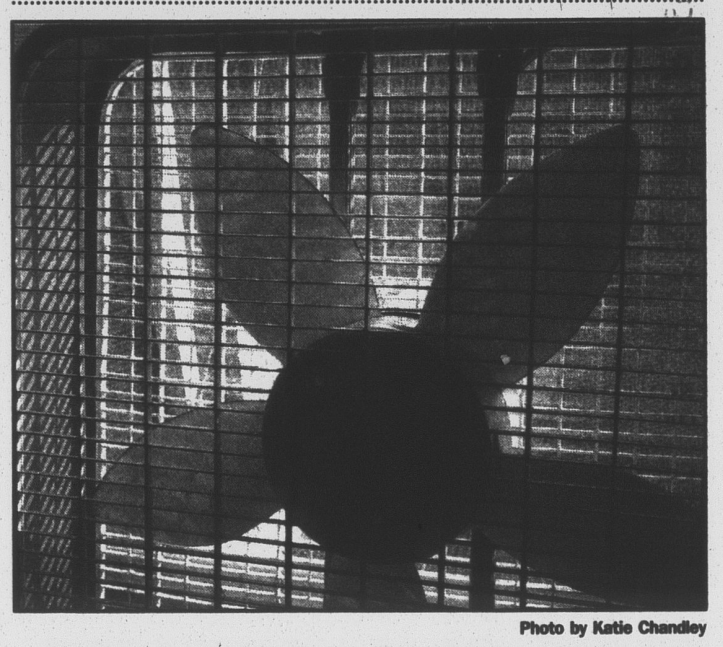


Photo by Katie Chandley

Students in use box fans in their windows because dorms are not A/C equipped .

Wireless WC

Officials say McKelvey will become new hot spot

By Travis Levers
Campus writer

Being able to sit in the quad and surf the Internet is a luxury available to most large universities.

Students here on campus may soon be able to experience the feeling as well. The wireless networking on campus, which is currently only available in the libraries, has started to expand.

According to Stanton Fleming, coordinator of user and desktop services, wireless internet has been available in Old Main since the beginning of the semester, and is soon being installed in the McKelvey Campus Center.

Information systems technician Mick Henninger said that expansion is necessary, but it will come at a great expense.

"The cost to put wireless networking in is going to be high," Henninger said. "I just hope I am not here when they do it."

Other schools in the area also have wireless networks located around their campuses. Grove City College has a wireless network much like Westminster, according to Scott Foster, a network advisor for Grove City College, the wireless is available in academic buildings throughout the campus, and their student center.

"Plans for wireless internet in the dorms are now rolling," Foster said.

Sophomore Clarissa Hunter said that she feels there is a definite need for wireless on campus. She said that she believes most of the students here also feel the same way. The convenience and usefulness of wireless is something that can not be fulfilled by a hard wired network.

"I think we should have wireless around campus because I like to work on my own computer but I don't always want to be in my room," Hunter said. "I would like to take my computer elsewhere, even if it is to my couch."

Allegheny College has one of the largest wireless networks in the area. Students have accessibility to the network in all academic buildings, and the 24-hour computer lab. Wireless hotspots can even be found in outdoor settings on campus. Students are able to sit outside on a blanket and do research on the internet and write a paper, while soaking up the sun.

The college is currently working on expanding the use of wireless, but for now students will have to settle for the current hotspots. There are no definitive plans, or timetable to install the wireless in dorms.

The cost to put wireless networking in is gonna be high. I just hope they do it when I'm not here.

Information systems technician Mick Henniger

Rumors of a great play:

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

The classy cast

Theatre Westminster presents Neil Simon's Rumors in Beegly Auditorium this weekend. It runs Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30 with a matinee Sunday at 2:30.

"The play is set in May 1988 in an affluent neighborhood outside of New York City," said John Gresh, visiting assistant professor of theatre and director of the play. "The farce takes place inside the home of Deputy Mayor of New York Charley Brock and his wife, Myra, where they are celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary. When the guests arrive, they discover that Charley has been shot, though not seriously, and Myra is nowhere to be found. No one knows what has happened, but as more and more people arrive rumors and speculation take over. The comedy is in the unraveling the truth from the lies. This play is guaranteed to induce laughter."

To reserve tickets, call the Beeghly Box Office and leave a message with your name, number of tickets, and preferred date. Adults tickets are $7; non-Westminster students and senior tickets are $5.

SGA Notes

SGA minutes 5-4

- Library Hours resolution was proposed and passed with no objections
- Honors Program resolution was proposed and passed with no objections
- $103 was allocated to Mortar Board for their Top 10 Dinner banquet without opposition

Allocations were made to student organizations. Amounts can be found in the SGA minutes which will be sent to students in the next week.

Professor
Musician suspended

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ment. It read, "Dear Doc, We love you and we want you back! You mean so much to us all! You're such an inspirational teacher, and we NEED YOU!"

Perry is also the work force behind the banner.

"I made the banner because nothing was being done; it was another effort to make students aware," Perry said. "Many students wanted to help Doc, but with schedules like they are, students were worn out. So I got paper from home, made the banner in my room, and put up the poster with Dr. Pitman's help."

The banner filled the wall, and many students signed messages to Harrison on it. Sometime over Easter break, the banner was taken down, rolled up and put by Harrison's door. It is now in Harrison's office.

"It was a very nice supportive sign," Harrison said. "I've definitely missed the students. I've really realized how much the Westminster student body means to me. I've had a lot of time to sit back and think about my classes and how I'd teach them. I'm eager to get back in the classroom and in the organ studio."

Not long after the banner was put up in the department, several small posters appeared on bulletin boards in the McKelvey Campus Center, McGill Library, the kiosk outside Old Main and Thompson-Clark, Patterson Hall, and Galbreath. Perry did not make these posters.

Attend
Policies reviewed

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sleep a night and Sing and Swing practice was long every night, but I couldn't skip any classes," she said. "It was definitely hard though."

So while missing spring classes continues to be a yearly phenomenon, students and faculty realize it is a typical part of college. Students simply learn to deal with the stress and manage to get to class most of the time, although there area always exceptions.

Calendar

May 5, 2006
Softball PAC Tournament
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parking Decals Sold to Next Year's Sophomores – MCC Info Desk
3:30 PM Retirement Reception for Dr. James E. Hall – Hoyt 152 Corridor
4:00 PM Guest Speaker Honoring Dr. Hall: Tom Drucker, University of Wisconsin, "The Halls of History" – Hoyt 152
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Rumours, a Neil Simon comedy – Beeghly Theater
7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Concert – Orr Auditorium

May 6, 2006
Volley Rock
Men's and Women's Track and Field at Akron Invitational
Softball PAC Tournament
12:00 PM - 8:30 PM Whack-a-Car Benefit – Phi Kappa Tau House
1:00 PM Baseball vs. Thomas More (H)
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Rumours, a Neil Simon comedy – Beeghly Theater
7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert – MCC Student Lounge

May 7, 2006
Softball PAC Tournament
1:00 PM Baseball vs. Thomas More (H)
2:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Rumours, a Neil Simon comedy – Beeghly Theater
3:00 PM Orchestra Concert – Orr Auditorium

May 8, 2006
Classes End
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
6:00 PM WESPY Athletic Awards – Orr Auditorium
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

May 9, 2006
Reading Day
8:00 AM - 2:00 AM Finals Week Special Hours – McGill Library
12:00 PM Employee Recognition Luncheon – MCC Witherspoon Rooms
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club

May 10, 2006
Finals
8:00 AM - 2:00 AM Finals Week Special Hours – McGill Library

May 11, 2006
Finals
Baseball PAC Tournament
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM Finals Week Special Hours – McGill Library

May 12, 2006
Finals
Baseball PAC Tournament
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM Finals Week Special Hours – McGill Library

May 13, 2006
Finals
Baseball PAC Tournament
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Finals Week Special Hours – McGill Library
11:00 AM PRSSA's Pinning of the Seniors – MCC Witherspoon Maple
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close for Non-Seniors

May 14, 2006
Vespers by the Lake – Brittain Lake

May 15, 2006
Senior Week
12:00 PM Senior Grades Due

May 16-18, 2006
Senior Week

May 19, 2006
Board of Trustees Meetings
Senior Week

May 20, 2006
Commencement
10:30 AM Baccalaureate – Orr Auditorium
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

Sudoku!

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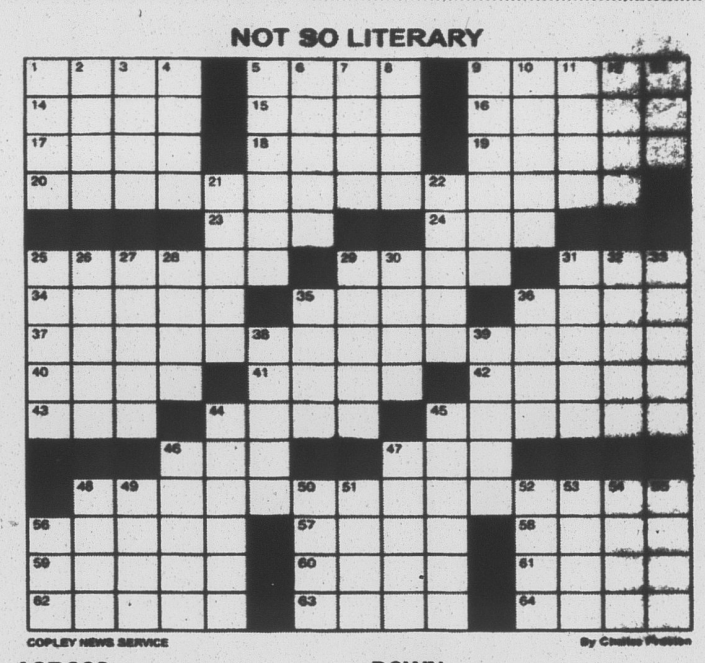
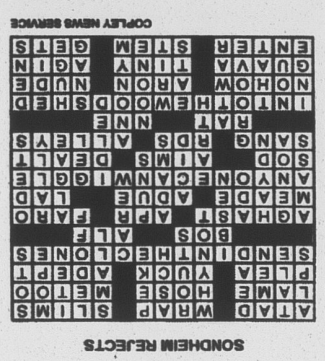


COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

Last issue's answers



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9 Type of saw
14 Film actress Lanchester
15 Olfactory agitator
16 Catharsis
17 I agree completely!
18 Site of the Boulevard des Anglais
19 Dostoyevsky masterpiece, with The
20 Golding's novel about a fast-food king?
23 They mark the spot
24 Popular meal
25 "___, that's my baby"
29 Knuckleballer Niekro
31 Delta-winged speedster
34 1976 Heston film
35 Is situated
36 Part of UAW
37 Hemingway's novel of a retiring podiatrist?
40 Trig function
41 "___ at the Top": 1959 Lawrence Harvey film
42 Staff nucleus
43 High explosive: abbr.
44 Charge
45 Lengthy discourse
46 Poker focal point
47 ___ de Cologne
48 Reginald Rose's play about a troubled NFL team?
56 Moderate
57 Otherwise
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59 Casanova, e.g.
60 First king of Israel
61 Encompass
62 Like nitrogen
63 Good lowball card
64 Pity me!

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3 Operator
4 Type of paper
5 Bestow
6 Works on film
7 Ness, e.g.
8 Plane or palm, e.g.
9 Galaxy shape
10 Examine
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12 Some are easily bruised
13 Emeritus: abbr.
21 Nitrous ___: anesthetic
22 Palm off
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27 In short supply
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33 Lugged
35 They're supposed to be regal and generous
36 Way off
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45 In a judicious manner
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47 Eventuate
48 Dark
49 Wash
50 Bird's or love
51 Controversial apple spray
52 Hindu philosophy
53 Drudgery
54 Old Testament priest
55 Clears
56 Rumble in the Jungle victor

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your mental perception knows no bounds this week. Tune into a higher intellectual vibration or consciousness where learning and understanding comes easily.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Avoid jumping to conclusions or taking anything for granted where your personal finances are concerned. Read the fine print on contracts and count your change.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Your ego gets a great boost from compliments or encouragement from friends. Think of their kind words or support as the wind in your sails, carrying you to success.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You have a lot to gain or learn from your intuition. Trust your instincts to provide guidance and clues for solving a very baffling personal dilemma.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Power plays or manipulation does not go over very well with friends or associates. Back up and take a more rational or compassionate approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): A business deal or professional proposal shows a lot of promise. Take time to carefully review the details and the terms of the agreement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): The search for truth and understanding will keep you motivated and forever on your toes. Stay mentally alert and garner essential information from a variety of sources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Acknowledge the very strong feelings that connect you to a financial situation. Let go and do not allow it to break you down mentally or fiscally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You could be forced to re-evaluate the purpose and value of a long-term relationship. Initiate a heart-to-heart talk with a loved one to clear the air.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Look to transform your lifestyle. A new diet or exercise program is the first step in a series that will prepare you for achieving your goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A last-minute cancellation or alteration in your social plans could be somewhat disheartening. Be aware of minor irritations or setbacks and rise above them.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): An emotional crisis or change of heart will be remembered for a long time. Do what you can to begin the healing process and put the past behind you.

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FEATURES

Speak out, be heard

Reflections on the past four years, highs and lows

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

As a high school senior, I visited just two potential colleges; Westminster and Saint Francis. The kid who gave me the tour at Saint Francis told me to join a club called SMILE, that I'd have no problems just walking right onto the cheerleading squad and that in his hall all the guys played chess for fun. All of this sounded extremely lucrative (insert sarcastic voice here).

At Westminster, however, my tour guide was a lovely young woman who answered all of my questions about the school honestly. In all, it wasn't a hard decision when deciding between the two.

My freshman year here was filled with many firsts; my first frat party, choking down my first full can of beer, my first college paper and my first college classes. I loved being the youngest on campus and making friends with all of the upperclassmen. I did not love my shoe box of a dorm room, aka Jeffers, which is coincidentally turning into a single's dorm next year. Some important lessons I learned was to join lots of organizations and make good connections with your professors. I also learned some harder lessons but those involve limiting the amount of drinking games, not going out at night by myself, etc.

Sophomore year was a bit different. No longer was I the baby, and I remember my girlfriends and I grumbling about all the guys paying more attention to the freshman girls than to us. This didn't last long and soon I found a good group of friends that I was with constantly.

My junior year included my 21st birthday celebration, the start of many life-changing hairdos and saying goodbye to a lot of close friends. Everyone warns you when you're an underclassman to savor the memories because they fly by faster than you think. But at the time, you can only plan ahead so far as to figure out if you are in need of a beer run or not. You didn't take these people seriously, because come on, college really can't end!

Then you're a senior and pretty much in denial the entire first semester. By Christmas break, however, the reality starts setting in and soon everything is now your last; my last Christmas break, my last spring break, my last sorority formal and my last college class. You realize how great the underclassmen are and finally realize why your old friends had such a hard time of letting go.

It's easy to complain about my last four years at Westminster. The dorms are old and leaking, the professors receive no maternity leave, the administration acts like its own secret society and during Greek Week, let's face it, no one gets any sleep, Greeks or independents alike. But throughout the last four years and particularly with working for *The Holcad*, I've realized that part of the wonderful thing about Westminster is that we can complain about these things. We are fortunate enough to speak out and use this newspaper as an outlet to let the school know what they can improve on.

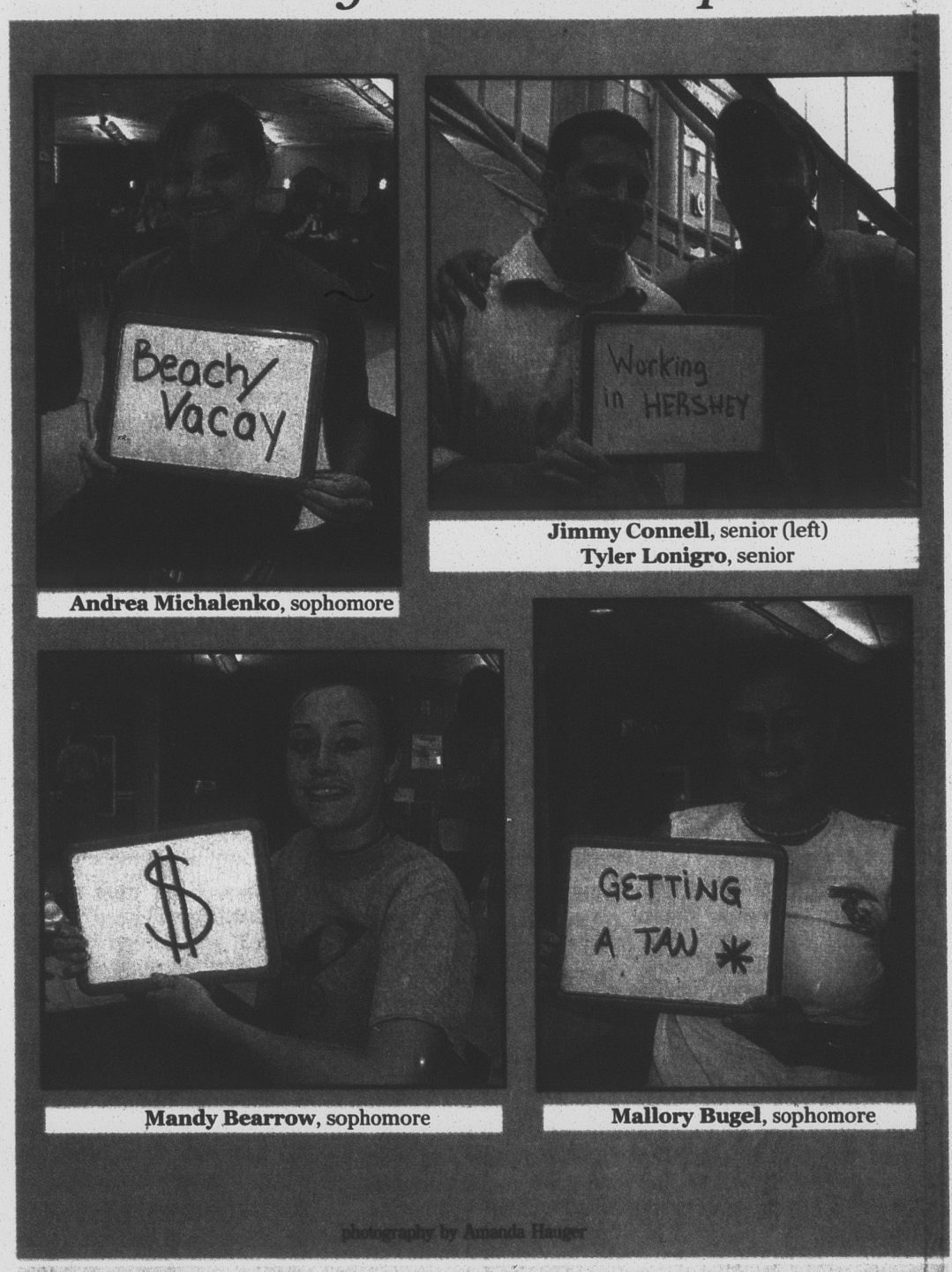
Instead of whining that you didn't like the hit list story *The Holcad* ran just a few weeks ago, why don't you put your money where your mouth is and take a journalism course to see exactly why *The Holcad* was entitled to run the story? Why don't you write a letter to the editor and voice your concerns? *The Holcad* has been publishing issues that affect students since the movie "The Land before Time" hit theaters and it will continue to do so until Westminster is paved into a huge parking garage for a futuristic casino lot.

But until then, use this newspaper. Write a story and submit it. Make a difference with the four years you have here because your time here is limited and your voice could make all the difference to the next set of future WC grads.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She is relieved classes are finally over. If anyone wants to give her a much-needed graduation gift, she requests large sums of cash.

Question of the Week

What are your summer plans?



Andrea Michalenko, sophomore

Jimmy Connell, senior (left)
Tyler Lonigro, senior

Mandy Bearrow, sophomore

Mallory Bugel, sophomore

photography by Amanda Hauger

Art form or sidewalk nuisance?

Natalie explains why most would say it's definitely art

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

From graffiti to installations at the Mattress Factory, I've written many articles on different art forms. However, before you say goodbye to campus for the summer, take a look at 3D chalk art and you will not believe your eyes.

Chalk art consists of anamorphic illusions that are drawn in a certain distortion that appear three dimensional from the correct angle. The drawings follow the Greek art technique called *trompe l'oeil*, meaning "trick the eye," and involve extremely realistic imagery. British artist Julian Beever has been creating the drawings for over ten years and has worked in Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Australia and the United States. He draws not only 3D objects, but also large pastel portraits devoted to the rich and famous as well as masterpieces of well-known artists of the past.

His sidewalk drawings can take up to three days to complete, and if it rains, it means many hours of hard work are wasted.

According to an interview with Birmingham BBC, Beever reports that it is important for him to get a photo of the 3D imagery as an end result of his hard work. Beever has to deal not only with the elements while working on drawings, but also angry citizens who say they feel his work is graffiti and has no place on public streets. On the other hand, most marvel at his imagery skills as they approach a giant Coke bottle or Spiderman swinging through an underground city.

His work is so amazing that people avoid potholes that he drew on streets. His secret to creating realistic imagery on cement is by using a tripod. It is kept in one spot and he checks every mark he makes by looking through the wide angle lens of his camera. Also, kneeling on the ground could take a toll on anyone's body, so Beever uses a stool that he lies on, and this relieves much of the physical stress.

Beever's pavement drawings are one of kind and will stun any city dweller. This is why he is called the "Pavement Picasso." In fact, companies have noticed that this art form catches the eye of all who pass by and is the perfect advertisement. Beever is hired as a performance artist and has been commissioned by Procom Computer Company and General Electron to create drawings as part of a promotion for an event. He also uses his talent to support a good cause. His Make Poverty History globe that appeared to stand in Edinburgh City Centre supported the Live8 campaign.

According to his homepage, he is also focusing on creating lasting pieces using acrylic paint on wooden panels. He was commissioned by Fame Records to illustrate different styles of music in their Brussels shop. The piece is not only colorful, but also full of realistic faces that make the illustration very aesthetic.

A chain letter containing Beever's art and similar *tromp l'oeil* style art by Kurt Wenner has been circulating the Internet since 2004. His work is so realistic that many people believe it is the result of digital photo editing, but sidewalk drawings are indeed genuine. Like the saying goes, "you can't believe it until you see it." If you would like to see it for yourself, go to www.users.skynet.be/J.Beever.

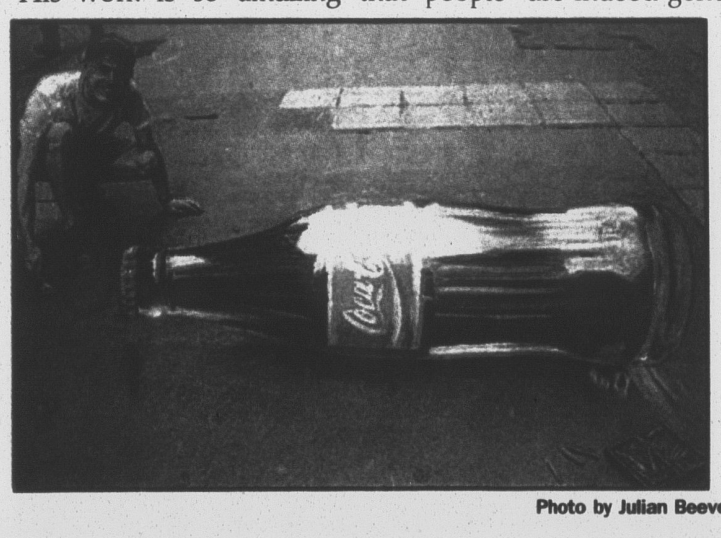
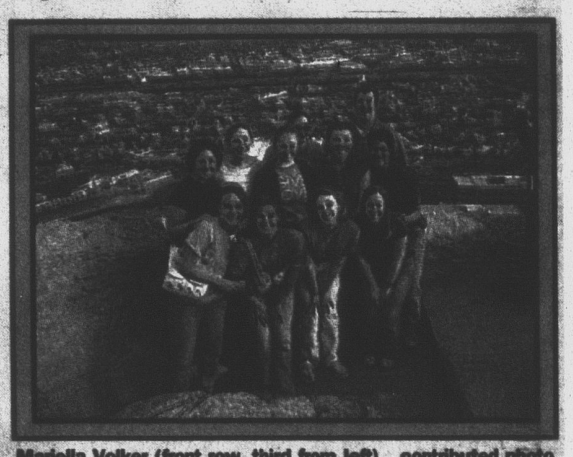


Photo by Julian Beever

Natalie is an Art Technology major with a PR minor. She never goes anywhere without her now unfrozen iPod.

Q&A with one lucky sophomore
Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a selfless student



Mariella Volker (front row, third from left) contributed photo
The overlook in El Paso, Texas

Mariella Volker, a sophomore double major in History and Latin, has special meaning behind her unique first name. Her dad's mother is named Marian and her mother's name is Eleanor, and in an attempt not to upset the other, her parents combined the two to form a new name- Mariella.

Like her name, Mariella is quite the unique student with an interesting past. At the age of 3, her parents moved to Lancaster in order to open up an ice cream parlor and sandwich shop.

Although she is just a sophomore, Mariella is already 21 years old. This is because she took a year off before attending college in order to help her family.

Since 5th grade, Mariella has been helping to run the family and take care of her little sister, Danielle. This is because Mariella's father worked late and her mother went back to school to be ordained. So Mariella started making dinner for the entire family every night and helping her sister with her homework.

In high school, however, Mariella was not the best student, as compared to now.

"I had terrible grades in high school," she said. "Now I'm on the Dean's List. I love reading and discussing ideas; I just couldn't do algebra."

While Mariella was still in high school, her parents also went through a divorce.

"It was difficult because my parents never fought in front of my sister and I, so we had no idea it was coming," Mariella said. "It was a big shock to my sister," (just 8 at the time).

Part of the reason for the break between high school and college was because of the divorce.

"I needed the break to collect myself emotionally," she said.

Mariella worked as a receptionist at a hair salon during that year and says it motivated her to return to school.

"I came to Westminster knowing I wanted to be here," she said. "I didn't just come to go after high school. It was frustrating working at the beauty salon because it was just like high school all over again."

During the break, Mariella's mother always supported her decisions.

"My mom was very supportive," she said. "She told me you can take off as much time as you need but you must promise me you'll go back."

Mariella is extremely involved at Westminster. She belongs to Kappa Delta sorority, Habitat for Humanity, Women's Choir, Concert Choir and she will serve as president of Allies in the fall.

Helping out others less fortunate than her is what Mariella does best. She has spent the past two spring breaks on trips working with Habitat for Humanity. Last year she was in El Paso, Texas during the Habitat Collegian Challenge Week.

Living in the inner city has given Mariella a different perspective.

"I've always lived in the city and it was such a culture shock when I came to Westminster," she said. "In the inner city, racism affects everyone; blacks, whites, Hispanics. The people I grew up with are living in substandard housing. There's such a huge need for better housing."

Working with Habitat for Humanity is something that brings Mariella joy.

"The wonderful thing is when you get to meet the homeowner. You learn that they're just people who are trying to build a better life for their kids," she said. "Habitat gives them that option. It's such a treat to work on a house and meet the homeowner."

This summer, Mariella will work in the National Trust House in Philadelphia giving bus and museum tours and working on fundraising projects. For now, she will continue to work towards her ultimate goal of attending graduate school for archaeology or archival work. She will also remain active in humanity assistance.

"I love people and hearing their stories," she said. "I think all the things I am involved with, all the philanthropies, these are things that are helping to change the world and allowing me to interact with more people."

Each week, Titan Eye Candy spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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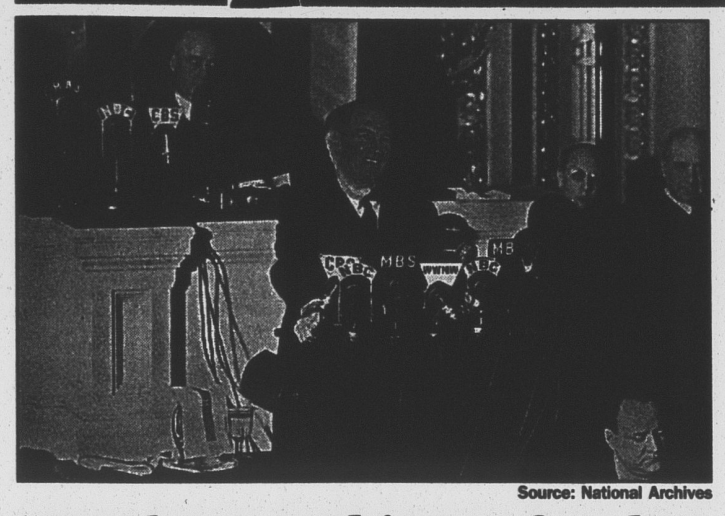

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"You have nothing to fear but a place to call home,"

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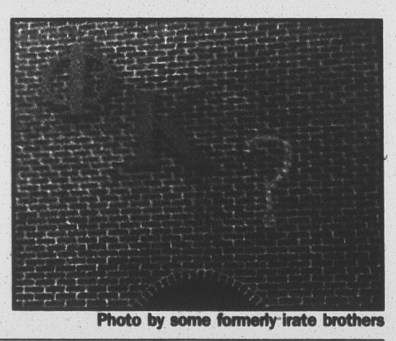

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Photo courtesy of the 1982 *Argo*

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A bouquet of final Titan Eye Candy, Page B-6

Photo of a future Cosmo Girl (with a way better layout!)

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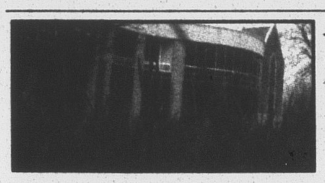

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Campus statistic of the week

Number of graduating seniors

375

Source: The long, long list found on B-4

Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®

Friday: Partly sunny,pleasant 65/37
Saturday: Cooler with variable clouds, 58/31
Sunday: Partly sunny, 60/38

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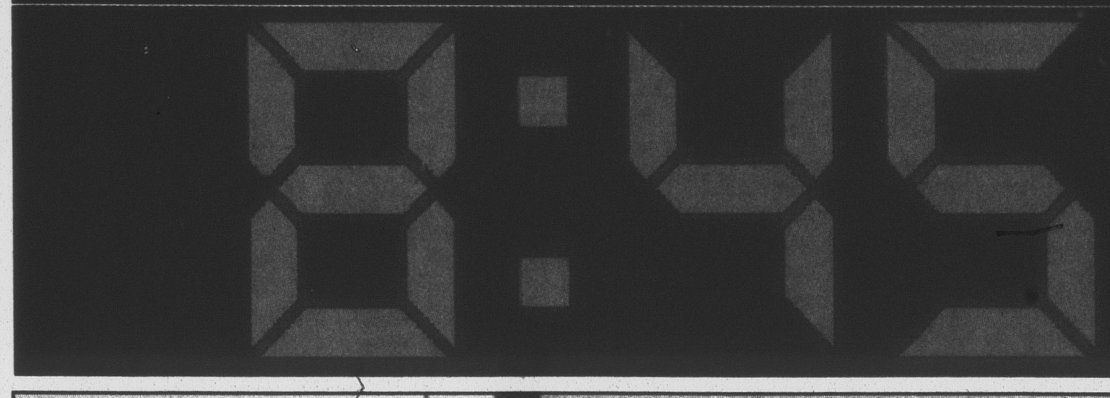

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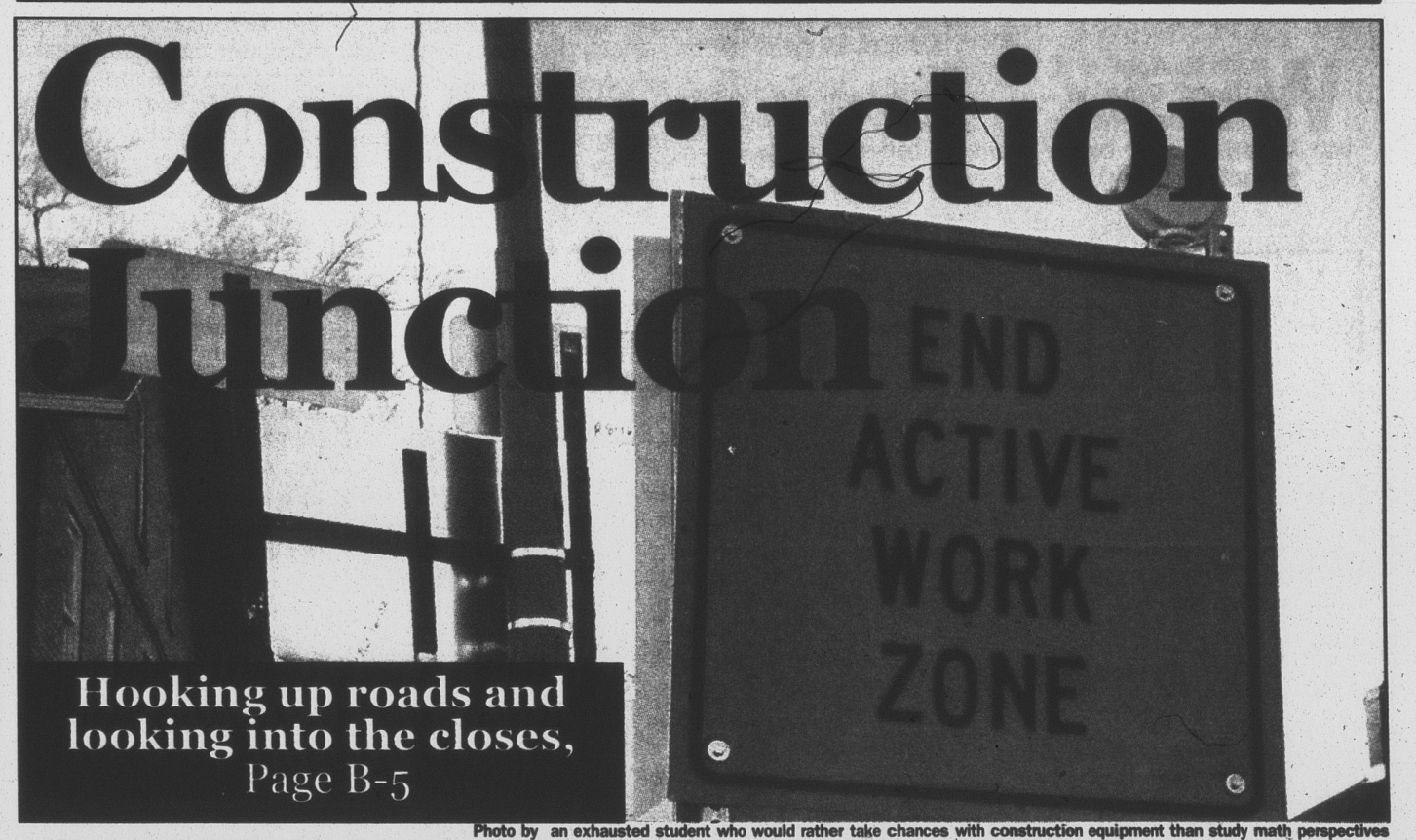

Hooking up roads and looking into the closes, Page B-5

Photo by an exhausted student who would rather take chances with construction equipment than study math perspectives

Students accepted conditionally

College makes official provisions for '07 year

By Leanne Veres
Campus writer

It is common for most colleges to have a certain set of criteria for first-year applicants. For instance, a vast majority of the students here on campus were accepted because they reached the preferred standards of a 2.5 grade point average in core courses and a 900 SAT score or 19 ACT score in high school.

However, a small number of incoming first-year students will not have maintained one or more of those standards. That is because this fall will mark the first time in nine years that the college will formally admit conditional students.

"The conditional students will consist of 20 to 25 students each year that are borderline," Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz said.

A conditional student is one who falls just short of the GPA, SAT, or ACT standards. Swartz explained that, in some cases, the student exceeds in one area and performs below expectations in another.

"One of these students could have a very high grade point average, but they could have a lower score on the SAT," Swartz said. "Three of the incoming conditional students, for instance, are actually merit scholars."

While the Conditional Acceptance Program may seem new to current college students, it is actually returning from a brief hiatus.

"The college accepted provisional admits before," financial aid statistician Lynn Foltz said. "We used to have them before we moved to a two-semester schedule."

I think it's dangerous to lower the standards of the school.

Junior Sarah Timm

Foltz explained that the college moved to the new schedule, and subsequently dropped the conditional program, in 1997. Before that, a typical college year was a bit different than it is now. Classes met on a four-month, one-month, and four-month basis. During the four-month terms, students would carry the usual four-class workload. The one-month term, which Foltz called the "January term," consisted of one class that met every day for two or three hours.

A conditional student prior to 1997 would have simply taken three classes instead of four in the first term of freshman year. Foltz said that was in order to lighten the workload. These students were still able to finish college in four years.

Although the current schedule is different, the idea of the program will stay the same. Conditional students will have a one-course reduction in the fall semester of their first year. These students will also participate in tutoring sessions.

Swartz said that he and the Vice President and Dean of the College, Dr. Jesse Mann, had an informal program for the past couple of years. If they noticed an applicant just

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Loss of the Liberal Arts?

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

As stated in Westminster's Undergraduate Catalog, under the Philosophy and Purposes subheading, the mission of the College is "to help men and women develop competencies, commitments, and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best. The liberal arts tradition is the foundation of the curriculum continually designed to serve this mission in a rapidly changing world."

Recently, there has been some talk amongst the faculty and administration on the purpose of the liberal arts education, at Westminster.

Officially, the Board of Trustees is under the authority to transform any of the liberal arts facets of the College. There are some departments, specifically the Religion Department, that have seen a serious decline among students within the last ten years or so.

"You need to have a Board of Trustees that are die hard liberal artists," Dr. Kang-Yup Na, assistant professor of religion, said, "This is about the common goal of educating our students so that when they graduate, they know how to write, and they know how to think."

Also included in the Undergraduate Handbook is the following statement: "The College views education as a maturing experience and believes the liberal arts heritage offers exceptional opportunities for development of the individual in today's rapidly changing world."

According to this statement, upon graduation, students should be well equipped in a variety of subject areas so that they may be successful in a number of vocational or career options in the future.

Dr. Dwight Castro, professor of Classics and chair of the Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics Department, said, "[The liberal arts] are often subjects that people think of studying without having a specific or limiting career in mind [...] Westminster is not just a training school for a limited number of careers."

Earlier this year however, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching located in Stanford, CA, claims to have a more descriptive way to classify "liberal arts" institutions.

Gay Clyburn, the Director of Communications for the Carnegie Foundation, said, "They [the Carnegie Foundation] discontinued the use of liberal arts terminology for a more transparent description of what we are looking at."

According to the Carnegie Foundation, colleges now fall into one of three categories. Westminster is classified under the first category, which are the baccalaureate colleges/arts and sciences. This category contains 230 other private colleges across the nation. The other two categories are the baccalaureate colleges/diverse field, and the baccalaureate associate's college.

Many professors are pleased with the standards that Westminster has set in providing a "liberal arts" education; others see room for improvement. However, improving the quality of the "liberal arts" education might see some causal effect in admissions.

Imagine how wonderful it would be if you could say to the world 'Come to Westminster - our graduates are largely unemployed, but they're great critical thinkers,'" Na said.

But the reality of the matter is that not many parents would approve of their son or

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RANT & RAVE

Puff the magic dragon

Where has all the rum gone?

I pass on the grass?

mint gingerale!

You're knocking over the trash can?

I hate the sports page!
:-(

Donkey kong a dong dong dong!

Don't just be, be illustrious.

Wetminster move out already!

Rain rain go away.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

The end (a two part special)

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

It really wouldn't be a *Holcad* if I didn't do this article at the last minute.

Well, I guess it would.

I turn these in on time as often as I don't, so it all evens out in the wash. Anyway, this is my last article for this fine news-thing. I would like to use this time to present some things I have noticed in my year writing this column:

1. It is impossible to get a reaction from students on this campus. I see now why things haven't changed in so long. No one is willing to put forth the effort to do anything. In fact, in the entire year that I have written this column, I have found the only way to get any reaction whatsoever is to either mention something like a hit list or to bash Greek life. Exploding sewage filled pipes, food poisoning, and the school treating us like morons mean nothing to you people. Great.

2. I really enjoyed writing an article for this paper. I'll admit, I had my doubts, but I really liked letting my opinion known. Oh, and I made a few people angry. I liked that too. By the end, I was really just looking for any reaction at all. I'll take anger. Negative attention is still attention, I guess.

3. As graduation slowly approaches, I find it irritating that all I have gotten was a reminder to pick up my cap and gown, a note about senior week, and five or six notes and emails asking me to donate for the senior gift. Really, I'm looking forward to when they present the gift to us (we still have no clue what it is) just so I stop getting their begging requests for money.

4. No matter how much you fight, no matter how hard you try to get away, you cannot avoid getting food poisoning from the school at least once. Well, I guess you can eat off campus or something. Of course, that takes money, and Sodexho has a pretty good monopoly on that since that's the only place we can get dine dollars for around here. If you're planning on eating General Tso's, I have some advice for you. Don't.

5. When it's your last article ever, you find you really don't care who takes offence to things anymore. So, I won't be so popular with Sodexho, Greek life, and the Westminster college alumni relations department. This, like all things, will pass. Or it won't, and it just won't matter anymore. I do wonder, however, if I ever do become famous if the school will claim me or if they'll remember these articles and deny that I was ever here.

The future is going to be a great time, my friends! We're going to all go get jobs, get some form of normal life, and maybe even stop going to clubs on the weekends. It makes me wonder if this school will remember who we are when we're gone. Do you think they'll remember each of our shining faces ten or twenty years down the line?

If you're planning on donating as an alumni, send your picture with the check. That'll make sure they remember you. Good luck to all in yon future. I'll be around there somewhere.

Our View: Corporate sharks will eat untrained seniors alive

It's 1:31 in the morning up *The Holcad* office and it seems as if what Richard II once said is coming true: "I have wasted time and now doth time waste me."

As the bells in Old Main ring and ring-beckoning us towards our impending rite into the adult world, the seniors of the editorial staff feel it appropriate to articulate a few final thoughts to the administration before our time, too, is lost along the wayside.

At *The Holcad* banquet, we discussed one vital problem snaring all graduates as they search for jobs in this uncertain world.

It is a net that can't be fixed in a day, but we believe could be untangled with a well-built six week class at the beginning of our senior year.

We propose the class' curriculum to revolve around mock interviews, hardcore computer literacy training and an intensive resume workshop aptly named the "exit interview."

Westminster mother fair, where is your "exit interview?" Recently, we all had to file exit interviews for our scores of Perkins and Stafford loans, but Westminster hasn't done anything but pat our hands and say, "good luck and give us your money."

Right now, we have no such class to teach us proper business etiquette. We are offered a slew of options from the career center; however, we have no incentive to attend because let's face it- we're apathetic.

It's not until the second semester senior year when senioritis becomes the albatross wrapped tightly around our necks and countless naggers ask, "when are you getting a job," a question after which we feel bile rise in our throats.

The bile rises because we don't know the appropriate answer; we were never trained. And, we were never trained because we never had a class to answer the scary questions.

At the moment, we have capstones for various majors, but none of them teach us how to network-they just say to network. None of the capstones focus on visceral job placement real-world skills; rather, they focus on "feelings."

Our "feelings" may make it easier to come into class with a hangover, but they won't help in the real world when we're forced to save face and play the role of the consummate professional.

Examples of our lack of training are in our lack of proper PowerPoint skills or not knowing how to use the Smart Classrooms. What we have found as graduating seniors is an inability to create the "right message" in the classroom and as a direct result to employers. Students don't know how to craft constructive arguments or feel confident in our teaching capabilities.

Now let this be said: we the seniors of the editorial staff have nothing against the fabulous ladies of the career center, but let's be honest -the majority of students don't go. They don't go because, while we have a beautiful center, we don't have professors who integrate the career center's goals into lesson plans or, for that matter, into curriculum.

That's why this class shouldn't even be a question in your mind, we strongly urge you to develop and adopt this new "exit interview" for future classes.

After all, the liberal arts education makes sure we're well rounded in swimming: we know all the right strokes and can keep head above the water, but the truth is, we're drowning when it comes to being thrown into the savvy business shark world.

More praise for "Presbyterian Premium" article in March 31 edition

As a result of the article about the Young Presbyterian Scholars program, I have really gotten to thinking about Westminster as a whole, which I'm sure many other students have as well. I think that the issue is not just one program, but Westminster's attitude in general. I do not think Westminster is really giving their all in attracting better, brighter students. They are settling with mediocrity, which I think is a concern of many of the current students who have written in to *The Holcad*. There are many examples of this, and YPS just happens to be an easy target. But think beyond this. How is Westminster actually trying to attract high caliber students?

Look at our website. Compare it with other colleges. Look at Stanford's website: it has on the front page of their website faculty achievements, even if it wasn't happening on that exact day or week. They have a slide show of events that happened on campus, not just photos of buildings. Granted, we are a much smaller school than Stanford, but why can't our website show what is going on at Westminster? Leave big accomplishments on there for a few weeks! The goal is to persuade future students that Westminster actually has great academics going on, not that Westminster is a great school because there is mass at 7 on Saturday nights! The website should point out how Westminster stands out academically, since that's what we are: an academic institution. Currently, Westminster only has a lame effort to say what is going on. Looking at the headlines today (May 3), it states "Psychology Professor Authors Book Chapter on…" On what? Are future students going to click to read an entire article? Most likely not! Why is there not at least a full sentence stating what our faculty and students are doing! It's not like there isn't room! The webpage only takes up about half the screen!

I feel that YPS is only the tip of the iceberg. If Westminster actually wants to grow and improve as a school, they need to start making a better effort! Give an incentive to students to actually come here for the right reasons: academics! We are a college, not a bunch of buildings to hang around at for four years. Religion is important, but it isn't the reason that any of us are here. Students come here for academics, so why not try to make our school better? Scholarly debates will only help fuel this!

Christie Grewe
Senior

The Holcad

Survey!

Where numbered, please circle the number which best expresses your feelings.
1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neutral, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree

1. I read *The Holcad* weekly.

Yes No

2. I read about events of which I had no previous knowledge.

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3. I feel the layout of *The Holcad* is too much like *The (Sharon) Herald*.

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4. I feel the layout of *The Holcad* is too much like a magazine.

1 2 3 4 5

5. The opinion page has articles I find interesting and thought-provoking.

1 2 3 4 5

6. The weather blurb on the front page is useful and handy.

1 2 3 4 5

7. I read the full weather description on the back of the first section.

Yes No

8. I would not be able to function without the weekly horoscopes.

1 2 3 4 5

9. I would not be able to function without the weekly crossword puzzle.

1 2 3 4 5

10. The sudoko puzzle is a great addition to the *The Holcad*.

1 2 3 4 5

11. The font in which the body text is written is easy to read.

1 2 3 4 5

12. The headlines are very indicative of what is in the story below it.

1 2 3 4 5

13. *The Holcad* covers on-campus events thoroughly and objectively.

1 2 3 4 5

14. The news covered on the Outside the Bubble page is interesting and useful to me.

1 2 3 4 5

15. I feel *The Holcad* is too critical of the college and its administration.

1 2 3 4 5

16. I feel that many of the stories covered in *The Holcad* are based on rumor and should not have been printed.

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17. I trust the accuracy and opinions of *The Holcad* as a credible source of news.

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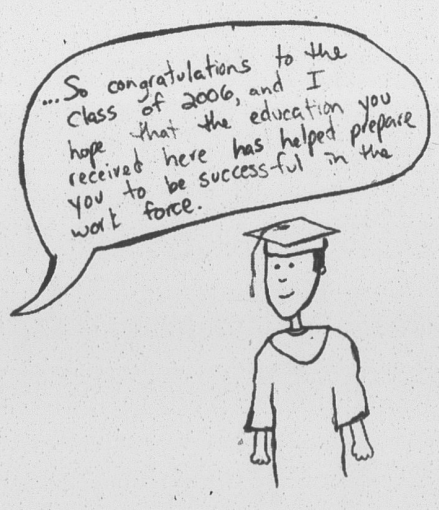

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Forum for your thoughts

Every month, the editorial staff invites a member of the campus community to share his or her own experiences involving the college's traditions as another vehicle for perceptive discourse on this leading liberal arts campus. This month, The Holcad invited Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling, two respected seniors whose constructive criticism of the college's YPS program sparked a campus-wide debate of the future and intentions of the program.

Nelson and Walling wrote this forum with contributions from Dr. Kang-Yup Na, Associate Professor of Religion and Nawal Rajeh, Political Science major.

The forum is continued on Page A-4.

A place to call home... *little house of horrors*

The Williamson Era of Westminster College began just prior to the 1997-1998 academic year. In a 1997 Holcad article entitled, "President Williamson's Vision for Westminster," the newly arrived R. Thomas Williamson articulated his goals for the institution. His primary objective for Westminster was "to improve the college's ranking (to be listed) among *U.S. News and World Report's Top 100 National Liberal Arts Universities* within the next five years" (Kate Perna, *The Holcad*, 9/25/1997). At the time, President Williamson considered this to be a very pragmatic goal. Current Professor of English Richard Sprow commended President Williamson, stating that "the goals he has set for Westminster's future are very realistic" (Perna, *The Holcad*, 9/25/1997).

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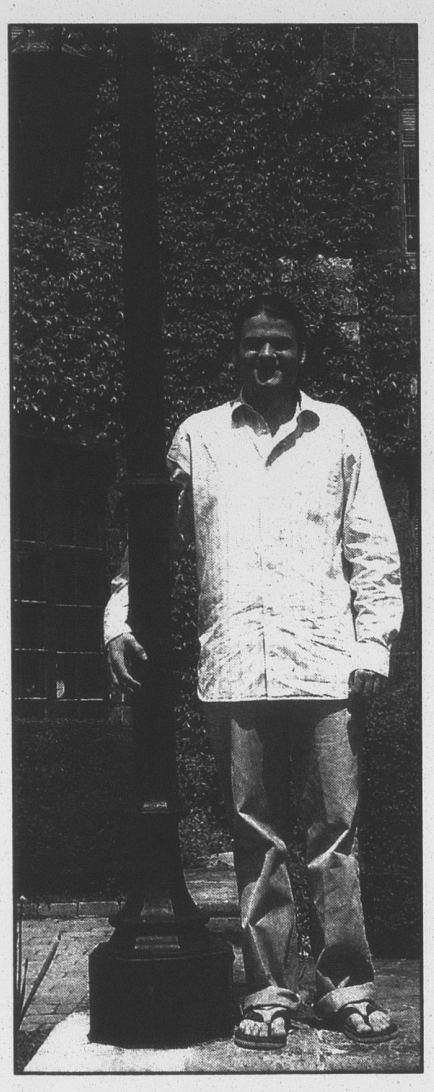
>
> *Ben and Ray*

Nearly one year later, *The Holcad* conducted another interview of President Williamson, discussing this initial aspiration and several aims of an entirely different nature. The lion's share of this article was devoted to announcing plans for new construction, improving the quality of cafeteria food and other non-academic ventures. (Leigh Forejt, *The Holcad*, 9/17/1998). A review of every *The Holcad* issue printed during the past eight years yields no other articles mentioning the five-year plan or the goal of becoming a top 100 liberal arts institution. In fact, editions printed between 1998 and 2002 contain very few academically-oriented articles at all. The void brings a serious question to mind: what happened to the original vision expressed by President Williamson in 1997?



Somewhere along the way, Mother Fair abandoned President Williamson's initial goals for the College and the administration changed its focus to commence exclusive worship of the "graduation rate." Admission tactics, curricular decisions, and apathetic attitudes help to explain why Westminster College was unable to achieve the original Williamson vision. We are left today with a watered-down vision for the future– focusing on small parts of former aspirations. These are signs of a stagnant institution and can be overcome. It is our hope that the future holds open the possibility of reinstituting those lofty goals that opened President Williamson's tenure at the helm of Westminster College.

Admission Tactics

Let's face it– Westminster is easy to get into. In fact, only 39 people (who finished their applications and did not remove their application from consideration) were denied admission for the Fall semester of 2006. With such low standards, in fact no standards at all, the institution is accepting almost anyone who can fork out the money for tuition. The question is whether or not these students are adding to the academic environment that previous generations of students have built? The answer is hard to determine. For the first time, Westminster has offered conditional acceptances to prospective students. By grouping these students under new guidelines, the admissions office hopes to track their progress to ensure future success in college. However, it also sends a message to the outside world that if you (or your parents) have $120,000, then you can be a Westminster student, no matter what your academic record tells us about your potential.

In recent years, certain members of the administration have pushed the idea of an ideal student for Westminster. Targeting certain types of students does cut down on the costs of mass advertisement, but also has detrimental effects for a liberal arts institution. By not allowing for a variety of students seeking academic stimulation, the students that do attend this institution lose valuable learning opportunities that cultural exchange can offer. An exchange student to Westminster once wrote: "The world is getting smaller everyday. People travel everywhere. Everywhere we go, we see diversity. The lack of diversity can create small-mindedness or a sense of ethnocentricism. I am happy about my initial decision to come to this school (Westminster). However, every once in a while, I do wonder about underlying issues of this pastoral campus. Is it good to be so small or too small to get every aspect of the real world?" (Mamiko Nakata, *The Holcad*, 4/7/2000). Over six years later, Westminster College is still rated one of the least diverse colleges in the country (according to the *U.S. News and World Report's Liberal Arts Ethnic Diversity Index*). In fact, excluding three traditionally black institutions, there exists only two other schools in the entire nation with a less diverse student body– and not by much.

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While the Princeton Review recognizes that we have become more accepting of students of differing sexual orientations and the administration points to the YPS program as a way to improve "diversity" on campus, the reality is that the baby steps of the college are not adequate. It was not long ago that the Princeton Review labeled Westminster the 5th most homophobic college in the nation (Rachel Jones, *The Holcad*, 10/8/1998). Two years later, Emeritus Professor of Religion Joseph M. Hopkins asked the campus community look "to the Bible, instead of the culture, for moral guidance" regarding homosexuality and declared that "the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Hopkins, *The Holcad*, 11/10/2000). Further, Hopkins' was commended through a letter to the editor written the following week by Senior Admissions Director Brad Tokar (Tokar, *The Holcad*, 11/17/00). Many others slammed the blatantly homophobic message and cried out for change-including Neal Edman, Bryan Rennie, Elizabeth Ford, Phyllis Kitzerow and others. Fortunately, Westminster has come a long way. The College is no longer listed among the most homophobic campuses and the ALLIES organization is thriving.

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Attempts have been made to improve the number of African American students on campus. But no one seems to be documenting the retention rate and average GPA of these students– we queried Admissions and they responded that they "do not track minorities on campus" and that the information may be available through the Diversity Office.

In no way do we mean to imply that students of other ethnicities, sexual preferences, etc. are any less capable of pursing academic excellence. Rather, we are suggesting that the tactics used to pursue prospective students to come to campus are too narrowly focused. We should not bring a diverse group of students to this campus for diversities sake, but rather for their academic excellence. By forcing diversity on to this campus some issues have risen forth. Senior Nawal Rajeh examines these issues and also provides her diagnosis for the college's diversity problem.

"Diversity at Westminster can be characterized by asking Greek or Independent? Are you from Pittsburgh or somewhere else? And do you like the Tub or Cafeteria better? While most of this column will focus on institutional problems, I am proposing that increasing diversity at Westminster is going to be largely up to the student body. While the school does have roughly 65 minorities including African American, Native American, Asians and Hispanics, it also is a very comfortable, homogenous place close to home for many students. In my past four years, I have heard terrible stories about vandalism of black students' property, threatening notes sent to Arab students, as well as many other forms of more subtle racism. Perhaps before the school can increase diversity, the students have to make campus a place where people of all kinds can feel at home as well. College should be a time of expanding knowledge and experiences. Those who do not discriminate should speak out against discrimination AND actively pursue diversity by hosting and going to events and befriending those different than you. Change needs to begin with the individual."

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While students need to open their minds to new cultures and ideas, the administration must also intend to maintain the academic integrity that being accepted to Westminster should represent. Only by expanding the group of ideal students, can Westminster grow in its maturity and understanding of the world.

Building the Future with Buildings Instead of Academic Investments

With the termination of the German program, the reduction in staffing for many departments, poorly funded programs, and the declining difficulty of classes, Westminster has become what the administration likes say "A Place To Call Home." Rightly so, we have wonderful buildings and the plan to renovate the lake will make for a nice place to have lemonade and cookies. While renovation and new buildings are a necessary part of institutional life (for instance the need to renovate and provide air conditioning to the remainder of Patterson Hall-which should be done before lake renovations), there is a point where flashy amenities need to be jettisoned for money to support the academic purposes of the institution. In 2002 (the year we matriculated at Westminster College), one of the goals of the institution stated during admissions tours was acquiring a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Beta Kappa is the most prestigious of all liberal arts honoraries and counts among its members U.S. Presidents, high-ranking diplomats and many Westminster faculty. Unfortunately, the honorary is no longer a topic of serious discussion among the Westminster community. While there are many reasons for not being able to accomplish this goal that we as students are not aware of, the miserly amount of money given for academic investments is partially to blame.

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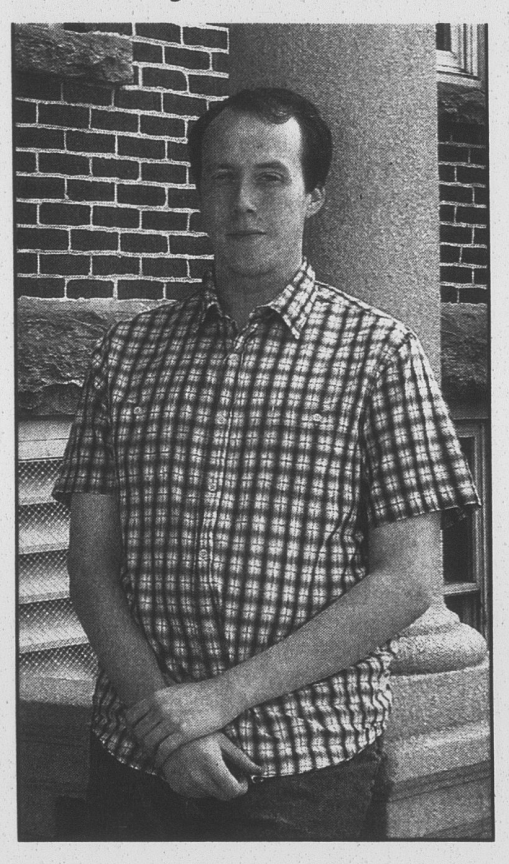
One example of misplaced funding can be seen in the prejudice that the Student Government Association displays against academic endeavors. SGA funds are appropriated according to specific, predetermined allocation guidelines. A recent review of these guidelines, which are used in the organizational audit process, confirmed these suspicions–SGA reallocates student funds in a haphazard and wholly inequitable manner. Organizations are permitted to apply for office supplies and refreshment reimbursements, but academic conferences are generally forbidden-however, organizations attending religious conferences, such as Jubilee Committee, are funded generously ($4250 for next year). Or perhaps students should skip their academic interests and join the Equestrian Club, which was allocated $6000 for next year. SGA refers those wishing to receive conference funding to the Drinko Center, which provides limited funding to students wishing to present at conferences. Not only is the funding generally inadequate, but the combined policies of SGA and the Drinko Center exclude a large number of students. Does the administration believe that the only value gained from academic conferences is the ability to claim a student's work indicative of the institution? We encourage the SGA Finance Committee to reconsider the established criteria in favor of new standards favoring academic activities.



If there is one ray of hope on the horizon, it would be the newly proposed honors program. The four year honors program proposed by the joint commission of the Academic Standards Committee and the Curriculum Development Committee, approved by the faculty, and supported by SGA through a resolution presents an opportunity to invest money into some of the brightest students, who would otherwise become bored with the declining academic requirements in the classroom and possibly transfer to a more rigorous institution that values their efforts. However, the Honors Program will require a serious commitment of institutional funds in order to entertain the possibility of true success. Only if it is properly funded and maintains faculty support does the program bring Westminster one step closer to being awarded the crown jewel of a liberal arts institution–a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Forum, continued

Flirting with grade inflation

One final issue that must be considered is the desire of the administration to maintain a high graduation rate. College policies–including the Conditional Acceptance Policy-have fallen in line with this goal. In an article written by Hugh Hothem, Dean Mann clarified that Westminster "went back to the old criteria... that existed from the 1970s until the spring of 1996" (Hothem, *The Holcad*, 9/23/2005). The new criteria entered with President Williamson and his top 100 goals. But "(Dean) Mann explained that the revised standards [were] intended to address the growing number of students not graduating in four years" (Hothem, *The Holcad*, 9/23/2005). While it is good that so many of our students graduate in an appropriate length of time, there are other forces at work to make this possible; specifically, the continuing grade inflation that is prevalent on this campus. While some would be quick to point out that this is only one instance of what is now a national trend and Westminster needs to keep up so that their graduates are not at a disadvantage as they leave New Wilmington, the reality is that grade inflation only further hollows the value of a student's education. Since Westminster's flirtation with grade inflation was explained in a previous edition of *The Holcad* (Nelson and Walling, 5/5/2006), we encourage readers to reference the previous article. However, we wanted to include Dr. Na's thoughts regarding ways to approach this issue:

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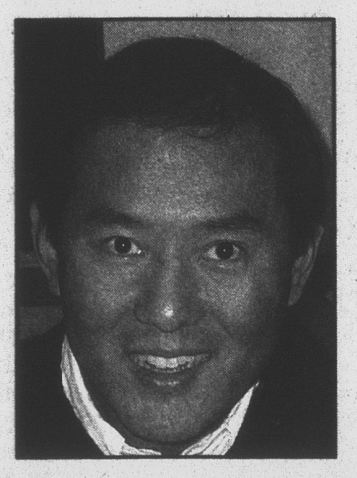

"In the last issue of *The Holcad*, Nelson and Walling were kind enough to include some of my thoughts on grading practices at Westminster. In this issue, I was asked to share some ideas that may address those concerns. I offer these thoughts below primarily to incite open discussion on our campus. My modest proposals are nowhere near refined, perfect, or even practicable; but in view of the absence of any remedies or efforts to address the grading situation during the eight years I've taught here, I offer my suggestions as steps toward improving the academic ethos of our community.

How honest and fair have we professors been with our students at "mother fair" if we have ignored the clear descriptions of the letters grades A through F contained in our catalog? What can be done to ensure that an A will be reserved to recognize the truly exceptional work at Westminster? Or am I mistaken in thinking that good, satisfactory work is routinely awarded A's and B's, such that superior work or really excellent, outstanding work is difficult to distinguish in a vast sea of A's and B's? How meaningful is an A or a B if so many receive them? Do we intend to perpetuate the seemingly common perception that a C means failure? How meaningful is a D or an F if we're afraid of being honest and respectful enough with our students to inform them that their paper or project was "passing, but inferior" or failed to meet the standards required to pass? When it comes to grades at Westminster, Billy Joel may have been right: "Honest is such a lonely word!"

For the sticky problem of grading integrity-a positive term focusing on solutions that I'd prefer to use over the negative phrase "grade inflation" used to describe the problem-there may be no simple or singular holy grail. But surely something, anything, should be done! One solution implemented by some colleges and universities is to set a limit on the number of A's awarded in each department, e.g., a maximum of 33% of grades for capstone projects. Another option might be to have each department monitor the distribution of grades earned in its courses and to make gradual adjustments toward a bell curve. Some institutions have detailed transcripts that include not only the grades received by a student, but also other significant data that help the reader interpret the value of the grades earned, e.g., percentile rank of a grade in a given course. All of these are worth thinking about. (See darkwing.uoregon.edu/~uosenate/dirsen056/UGC-Examples.pdf or www.educause.edu/ir/library/html/cem/cem98/cem9840.html and others on the Web that discuss or offer various kinds of reforms toward grading integrity.)

In view of some of the realities at Westminster (e.g., the need for some majors to attain a certain GPA, GPA requirements for scholarships), a detailed, indexed grade report or transcript may be a sensible option to consider. So, here is my modest proposal.

Whereas Westminster College is dedicated to a "quest for excellence" (mission statement),

whereas the criteria used in grading vary from one department to another and from one professor to another (e.g., the average grade earned in Education courses as compared with that earned in Physics or Mathematics courses),

whereas the variations in the criteria used in grading effect an undesirable incentive for some students to prefer a particular course or professor over others, thereby diminishing the liberal arts spirit and promoting the evasion of "hard courses,"

whereas those variations are not reflected on grade reports or transcripts, thereby depriving employers, graduate schools, and other interested parties (including, and most importantly, the students themselves) of the ability to evaluate a particular student's academic performance in proper perspective,

whereas grade inflation makes it nearly impossible to recognize and reward those students who really deserve distinction for their academic excellence (i.e., whose work is in reality "outstanding," the description for the grade A in our catalog), and

whereas it is worth retaining (or rescuing) the meaning of "excellent," "outstanding," or "superior" from sliding too far on the spectrum of academic evaluation toward the meaning of "common," "ordinary," or even "mediocre,"

I propose the following measures for the faculty and administration to consider for implementation:

I have a dream . . . that someday a C will indeed mean satisfactory, a B will in fact mean superior, and an A will really mean outstanding. I have a dream that someday a D will, without apology, indicate that a student's work may be passing, but inferior to that of most. I have a dream that someday an F will be the most honest and respectful way to communicate to students that their work fails to meet the minimum standards of acceptability.

Dr. Na

that a transcript include

1) for each course or section (of a multi-section course), the mean and median grade points and the number of enrolled students in it during that semester (to indicate the relative significance of the student's grade in a particular class or section), and

2) at the end of the transcript, the student's GPA for courses that count for the major requirements (in the case of a double major, one GPA for each major),

2.1) the current mean and median GPA and the number of all students in the student's department, as well as the student's percentile ranking in the department (to indicate the relative significance of the student's GPA within a particular department,

2.2) the mean and median GPA and the number of all current students in the student's graduating class, as well as the student's percentile ranking in the graduating class (to indicate the relative significance of the student's GPA among peers in the same graduating class), and

2.3) the mean and median GPA and the number of all enrolled students at Westminster (to indicate the relative significance of the student's GPA in relation to the entire student body).

Another proposal to consider or pursue, whether together with the above or as a separate solution, would be to introduce a monitored use of the A+ in class and on the transcript. Limiting the number of A+'s would be reasonable (e.g., 10% of grades earned in any department or at Westminster as a whole). Along with this would be the annual monitoring of how many students at Westminster actually earn this grade. If too many A+'s are awarded in any semester (e.g., 15%), the registrar could analyze the data to see which courses or departments, if any, tend to award them and what could be done about it. If too many A+'s are being earned and there are no concentrations of them in any particular courses or departments, the entire faculty should be cautioned about the use of A+'s. As for the transcript, the A+'s would be visible, but they could either carry a numerical value different from that of the A (i.e., 4.3) or retain the same value as an A (i.e., 4.0). The point would be to note the distinction of the student in some way, whether the GPA is affected by the A+'s or not. Of course, a brief note on the transcript should explain that only 10% of the grades earned at Westminster are A+'s.

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The foregoing suggestions are not refined or perfect solutions. They are rather an expression of the frustration that nothing has been done about the problem of inflated grades at Westminster. They are expressions of a sincere desire for grading reform of any kind, form, or shape that will lead to more honest and fair ways to evaluate the academic achievements of students at Westminster.

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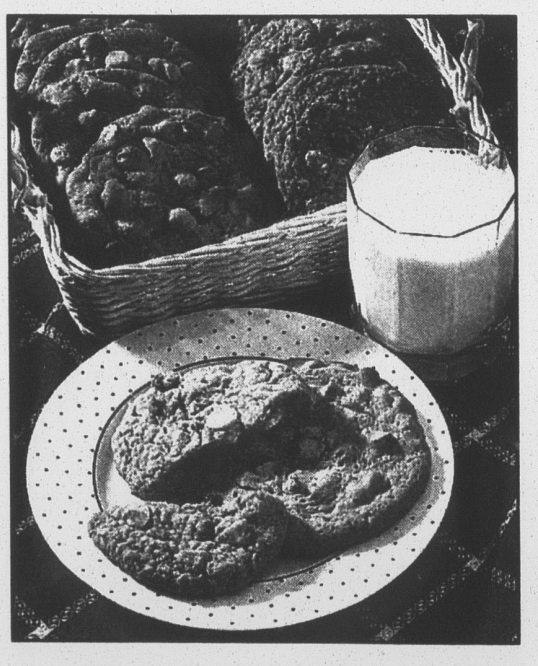
In the mean time, I invite any who value the integrity of a liberal arts education and the integrity of grades Westminster students earn to think and talk together and openly about ways of improving the intellectual ethos among us and to remedy the nearly meaningless spectrum of letter grades."

Every home has dangers...



Just as homes in the real world all have dangers to children, so to does the Westminster home. Nothing impairs the ability of a student to succeed in the "real world" more than coddling. The notion of coddling–on all levels–was discussed briefly in the last issue of *The Holcad* (Nelson & Walling, 5/5/2006) and has been echoed in the past ("Our View: Dumbing Down Classes," *The Holcad*, 10/13/2000). Further discussion is warranted in light of the amount of positive personal responses received regarding the topic. One of Westminster's slogans–"A Place to Call Home"–has become the whipping boy for multi-faceted coddling over the past week. The slogan brings to mind an image of caricature-President Williamson meeting you after a tough Inquiry class,. with a plate of warm chocolate chip cookies and a glass of cold milk, and escorting you back into the white picket fenced safe zone called Russell Hall. Oddly and in direct opposition to this vision (or possibly delusion), members of the campus community have commented that the "real world" is not surrounded by a white picket fence. These naysayers scarily warn of bosses who will not reward mediocrity with a plate of cookies, of buildings well outside of a white picked fenced safe zone, of websites without happy colors, and of something called "accountability." And since Westminster surely cannot employ every graduating senior and since many of those seniors will not return next year to the safety of a similar academic happy place, the College is doing a great number of students a disservice. These poor chaps may become stricken with "real world shock."

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It is into this "real world" that we commence tomorrow, unaware of the forces to be faced in the coming years. However, we cannot leave without explaining our motives for writing articles over the last few years. A few people have asked us: "why do you hate this school?" or "what is your problem?" or, a particular favorite, "don't you realize that Muslims (or any other ethnic group) will never fit in at Westminster? (The last question was asked of us by both a faculty member and an administrator.) If we truly hated this institution we wouldn't spend our time compiling articles for the *Holcad's* readership, especially considering that we will not be here next year. Rather, it is out of sincere hope for this institution's future that we write our concerns and thoughts. If we sat here praising the institution endlessly, we would not only be dishonest to ourselves and to God, but we would allow the institution to sink further into disarray. It is to each of you, to those leaving and to those remaining, that are burdened with the direction the school is taking–alumni can not stand idly by while their alma mater falls into the abyss of mediocrity. Simply put, this institution has a choice to remain "A Place To Call Home" or to become "A Place To Call College." Whichever side of the white picket fence you fall on, you must choose to be vocal in order to perpetuate Westminster's tradition of being glorious, grand and true.

Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Township Supervisor Accused of Indecent Exposure

A township supervisor from a Mercer County community faces more accusations of indecent exposure. 64-year-old Willis J. Swartz is a Lackawannock Township supervisor accused of exposing himself to women in nearby Hubbard, Ohio. Now State Police say another woman has come forward saying he flashed her back in October. Swartz has denied all the allegations. He claims the latest case is a matter of mistaken identity because of media attention. Swartz also says he refuses to resign as township supervisor.

New Wilmington Police Want to Crank Up the Voltage
Council Considers Tasers for Borough Police

New Wilmington's police officers could soon carry a new device to help them with their duties. After seeing a demonstration of taser products last month, the New Wilmington borough council has decided to look into purchasing two of them. These non-lethal weapons are hailed as an asset for officers working on the job alone. Chief Carmen Piccirillo allowed a taser to be used on him for demonstration purposes and he said it felt like getting hit with a freight train. However, after the voltage is turned off it's like nothing ever happened. The council will wait to approve giving New Wilmington police tasers after they review the policies of the Sharon and Pittsburgh police departments.

Embezzlement Trial Began Monday, May 15
Jury Selected for County Treasurer's Trial

A jury is now in place for the upcoming embezzlement trial of Lawrence County Treasurer Gary Felasco. The trial began on Monday, May 15 in Venango County. Felasco received a change of venue because of heavy media coverage locally. Felasco is accused of stealing more than 47-thousand dollars in county tax funds. He denies the charges blaming the missing money on people who worked for him.

Weaver's
WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1). According to prosecutors, what kind of punishment does Lawrence County Treasurer Gary Felasco face as a result of his criminal conviction of embezzlement and violating state ethics laws?
A). Three to five years in prison.
B). Ten to 20 years in prison.
C). Two to 10 years house arrest via electronic monitoring.
D). One year in prison and five years probation.
E). 300 hours of community service.

2). Who will face Governor Ed Rendell as the Republican challenger in Pennsylvania's General Election on November 7, 2006?
A). Rick Santorum
B). Robert Casey, Jr.
C). Lynn Swann
D). Arlen Specter
E). Melissa Hart

3). Identify Pennsylvania's lieutenant governor running for re-election.
A). Melissa Hart
B). Robert Casey, Jr.
C). Tom Corbett
D). Catherine Baker Knoll
E). Valerie McDonald Roberts

4). How does President Bush propose to crackdown on illegal immigration on the U.S.-Mexican border?
A). He wants to establish a new treaty with Mexico to create an open border and grant duel citizenship to Mexicans and Americans.
B). He wants to deploy up to 6,000 National Guard troops to states along the Mexican border.
C). He wants to build a wall along the border.
D). He proposes amnesty limited to undocumented citizens from Mexico.
E). He wants to overhaul the immigration policies and laws to streamline the process of legal immigration to the U.S.

5). Identify the Mercer County business now up for sale on E-Bay for an asking price of $450,000?
A). The Reynolds Drive-In.
B). Conneaut Lake Park.
C). The Columbia Theater
D). The Prime Outlets.
E). Guthrie Theater.

6). What kind of ballots did voters in Lawrence County use for the first time during this week's primary election?
A). Optical scan ballots.
B). Paper ballots.
C). Punch hole ballots.
D). Ballots marked via a mechanical lever machine.
E). Electronic ballots featuring a touch screen computer.

1.) B 2.)C 3.)D 4.)B 5.)A 6.)E

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Regional
Rendell would oppose sending Guard to Mexican border

Ripped from the Wire
PA National Guard

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Gov. Ed Rendell said he would oppose a lengthy deployment of Pennsylvania National Guard troops to watch the Mexican border as part of a proposal by President Bush to tighten border security.

For one, the responsibility should be left to border states and deploying thousands of Pennsylvania guardsmen to Iraq has left the unit "stretched too thin," Rendell said Monday.

"Absent some compelling reason, I would be against it," Rendell said. "Any additional deployment of our Guard for any long-term period of time would really hurt our ability to do the things that we need to do in case of an emergency here."

The Bush administration has not contacted his office about the matter, Rendell said, and a state Guard spokesman said the bureau had no information about use of its troops on the border.

Sending about 2,000 guardsmen to the Gulf states last year in the wake of Hurricane Katrina was different because the damage was compelling and the state was assured of a relatively short deployment, Rendell said.

"I was willing to do the Katrina (mission) because I thought the damage was there and it was palpable and our Guard, I knew, would be there for one or two months," Rendell said.

The Pennsylvania National Guard has 2,300 of its 20,000 troops deployed abroad, mostly in Iraq, and has sent a total of 4,000 there, according to Guard spokesman Capt. Cory Angell.

All told, 16,000 Pennsylvania guardsmen have been deployed since Sept. 11, 2001, on domestic and foreign missions, Angell said.

National
Portions of New England submerged after record rain fall

New England Flooding

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) - Storm-weary New England residents waded out into a fifth day of rain Tuesday as the region's dams kept a tenuous hold against cresting rivers and evacuees wondered what remained of their homes after water filled their basements and surged over some rooftops.

Across northeastern Massachusetts, thousands of people fled submerged neighborhoods during the region's worst flooding in nearly 70 years. More than a foot of rain fell during the weekend in some areas.

"It seemed almost Biblical," Gov. Mitt Romney said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America." "We're sort of making jokes about Noah and taking two of each kind of animal because we haven't ever seen rain like this."

The stubborn storm system lingering over the region was expected to move out by Wednesday, and Peter Judge, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, said the worst of the flooding appeared to be over.

But Tuesday morning, commuters still awoke to another day of driving rain.

In Lowell, crews took to the streets in boats and used bullhorns to urge 1,000 households to evacuate. Nick Barrett, 24, took an air mattress when he left his condominium overlooking the Merrimack River, and later joked it might become a raft.

"I'm going to use it to get back in, too," he said late Monday night as he looked over the flooded parking lot of his building.

In New Hampshire, more than 600 roads have been damaged, destroyed or inundate by water. In Maine, flooding washed out dozens of roads and bridges, and threatened a pair of dams along the swollen Salmon Falls River in Lebanon. Two areas of Lebanon near the Spaulding Dam were evacuated Monday as a precaution.

The rising water of Pillsbury Lake in Webster, N.H., breached a dam Monday, releasing millions of gallons of water and threatening to drain the lake. The water eroded the earth from one side of the dam and began running into woods and downstream to the Contoocook River, causing some flooding and forcing the evacuation of several families.

Several hundred residents in Methuen, Mass., also left their homes after officials became concerned that the Spicket River Dam, shored up by several thousand sand bags, would give way under the pressure of the raging river.

Even though the ferocious water tore away a wooden walkway across the top of the dam and knocked over a nearby lamp post, the concrete structure kept a tenuous hold when the river crested early Tuesday.

"We still have dams holding back a lot more water than they were designed to carry," Romney said on CBS' "The Early Show" Tuesday. "This is what you can expect when you've got a storm that's bigger than anything we've faced in 70 years."

U.S. Route 1 north of Boston was expected to remain closed for the Tuesday morning commute, state police said. Large portions of the highway between Route 16 in Revere and the interchange with Route 128 in Lynnfield were underwater, forcing the shutdown of dozens of businesses.

Schools across the North Shore and Merrimack Valley as well as in southern New Hampshire closed for a second day Tuesday.

The flood water also overwhelmed sewage systems and drowned waste water treatment plants. Burst pipes in Haverhill have been dumping 35 million gallons of waste a day since Sunday into the Merrimack River. A flood at a regional treatment plant in Lawrence was threatening to shut down the power there, which would send sewage into the Merrimack at a rate of 115 million gallons a day.

The statewide damage was expected to reach the tens of millions of dollars, Romney said Tuesday. He said officials were also concerned about the long-term environmental impact of the sewage on shellfish beds.

"This is gonna be a big financial crisis for a lot of people," he said.

International
Diet, the Japanese parliament, considers sweeping changes to the country's post -World War II laws

Tokyo debating education law revision

TOKYO, May 16 - (Kyodo) _ Japan's parliament began debating a bill on Tuesday for the first revision of the country's post-World War II basic education law to emphasize public spirit and traditions as well as instill a sense of patriotism through education.

Conservative groups have long called for amending the 1947 law that they say lacks those notions, but opponents have argued that a revision might revive the sort of nationalism that led to the war.

For the government bill, already supported by the ruling coalition, to clear the Diet during its ongoing session through June 18, the session would need to be extended even though Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has repeatedly dismissed such rescheduling.

The bill, comprising 18 articles, would amend the Fundamental Law of Education introduced in 1947 to realize through education the ideas in Japan's pacifist postwar Constitution with basic philosophies to that end in its preamble and 11 articles.

While the bill retains the wording of "on the basis of the spirit of the Constitution" in the law's preamble, it adds calls for public spirit and inheritance of tradition, and a newly defined notion of patriotism as a goal of education.

To foster patriotism, it calls for developing "an attitude which respects tradition and culture and loves the nation and homeland that have fostered them, respects other countries and contributes to international peace and development."

Two student publications were honored with awards this year

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Campus News

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER
Habitat heads back to Mississippi

These photos are courtesy of the Spring Break Mississippi trip. On this trip, the 15 helpers will work all over the deep South.

They hope to stop at Freshman Nick Manno's help to see what they can do to support his family after Katrina devestated their house.

By Leanna Stitt
Campus writer

Students will take yet another trip down to Mississippi to help out with Hurricane Katrina relief on May 20.

This time, however, Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring the trip. This means that instead of spending the majority of the time "mucking" houses, like what the spring break group who went down in March did, they will be building a completely new house for a Katrina victim.

According to Laura Sahar, president of Westminster's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Habitat's goal is to "eliminate poverty housing by providing affordable housing for low income families"

Jim Moore, the college chaplain, will lead the group of approximately 15 students, faculty and townspeople. They will start their journey to Pascagoula, Miss. on Saturday and return on Sunday, May 28. The group will be traveling in two 15 passenger vans and the trip is expected to take about 17 hours. On Saturday evening, the group will stay overnight at a church in Louisville, Kentucky and then drive the rest of the way on Sunday.

"I'm looking forward to finally getting to accomplish this project and being able to help hurricane victims," Sahar said, "We've been trying to accomplish this all year, but have had many roadblocks."

For the first four days, the volunteers will be led by the Jackson County, Mississippi Habitat chapter in building a new house in Pascagoula. If they finish the building by Thursday, the group hopes to head to New Orleans to assist Nick Manno, a Katrina victim transfer student to Westminster, and his family in the "mucking" of their house which was destroyed by the hurricane.

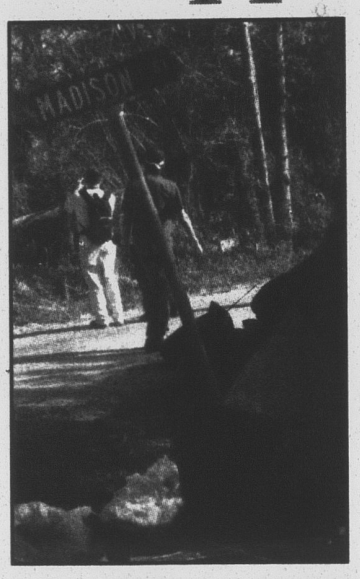
The volunteers will also be staying at a camp near the beach, so hopefully after their workdays, which end at 4 p.m., they will be able to spend some time in the sun and sand.

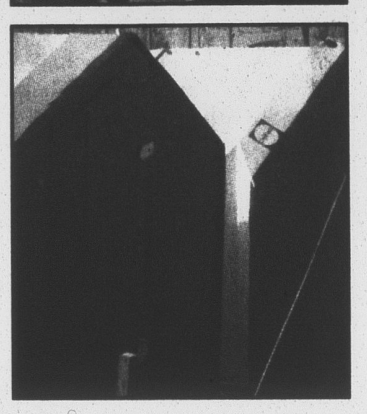
"I don't think about gaining something," Sahar said, "I always do gain a lot of satisfaction and joy out of helping others, but I don't look to gain something."

On the trip back, the group will take a different route through Atlanta, Ga. and South Carolina, then stay overnight in North Carolina.

Some volunteers will be going down to Mississippi for a second time this year. Jin-Sil Kim, who volunteered in Pearlington, Miss. over spring break, said, "I have learned that hope does not come from the environment but from the people who volunteer to devote their time, finances and spirit."

"The second time down there, I want to learn how one person's sacrifice is like one piece of a puzzle," Kim said, "All those sacrifices that people are making must be put into one big picture."





Phi Kappa huh?
Update on what happened to the kidnapped TAU

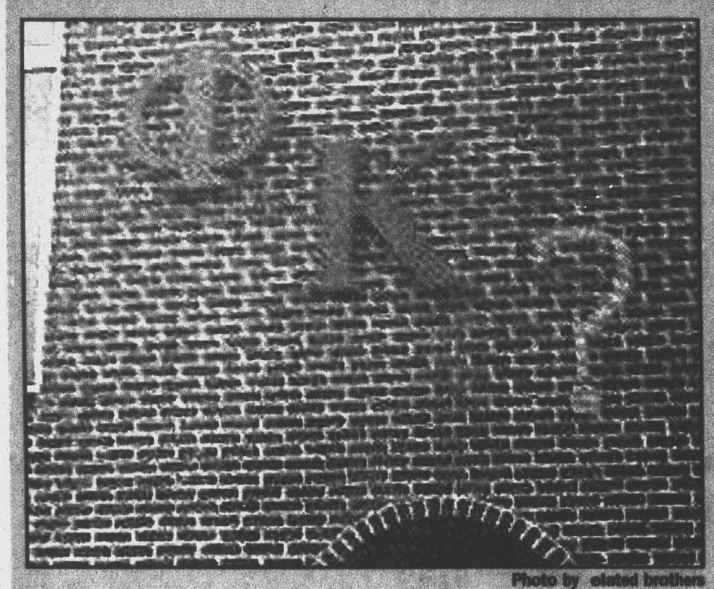


Photo by elated brothers

The brothers say they aren't exactly sure what brought the little "TAU" home; however, they think it had something to do with a slew of fliers.

By Heather Evakich
Campus writer

Two weeks ago, the big question on everyone's mind was, "What happened to the Tau?" Phi Kappa Tau's third letter had gone missing sometime between Sing 'n' Swing and 1:15 p.m. the next day, and no one seemed to have any idea where it went.

Rumors went flying as to the whereabouts of the missing Greek letter. Some students believed that one of the other fraternities on campus took it. Other students said that it was one of the sororities that kidnapped the letter. Still others believed that the perpetrator was someone from another college. Tracy Harmon, a junior, said that she heard a rumor that someone from Slippery Rock University had taken the Tau and was holding it ransom. No one seemed to know anything about the situation at all, until the Tau mysteriously returned.

Although the brothers of Phi Tau are collectively relieved at their letter's return, they were surprisingly reluctant to comment on the situation.

"It just appeared one day," Alex Hines, a junior brother of Phi Tau, said. "We're assuming the fliers had something to do with its return."

All the brothers were happy to have it back and "So are its friends, Phi and Kappa."
Phi Tau brother Matt Tarbay

Senior Matt Tarbay, president of Phi Tau, gave more information. He said that the letter was returned on Friday, but he claimed to not know what time it was returned or who returned it. He did say that all the brothers were happy to have it back, and "So are its friends, Phi and Kappa." The Tau is now in its rightful place back on the roof.

But how did the brothers feel about the whole situation? Hines said that although some people weren't happy about the missing letter, they were trying to make the best of things. "I mean, come on," he said. "We drew a question mark on our own house." There was talk of replacing the Tau with another Greek letter just for fun. He also said that the brothers were confident their letter would be returned and that no harm would come to it. The brothers turned out to be right, and the "Mystery of the Missing Tau" has been mostly solved.

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Friday						
High	High 61	High 63	High 61	High 66	High 73	High 74
Low	Low 44	Low 40	Low 39	Low 46	Low 50	Low 56
Mostly cloudy, showers around	A shower possible	Some sun, a shower possible	Sun and some clouds	Plenty of sunshine	Overcast with a chance of rain	Mostly cloudy

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:00 a.m.	8:36 p.m.
Saturday	5:59 a.m.	8:37 p.m.
Sunday	5:58 a.m.	8:38 p.m.
Monday	5:57 a.m.	8:39 p.m.
Tuesday	5:57 a.m.	8:40 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	1:59 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
Saturday	2:29 a.m.	1:10 p.m.
Sunday	2:54 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Monday	3:17 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
Tuesday	3:40 a.m.	4:52 p.m.

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Moon Phases

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May 20	May 27	June 3

Weather History

Dense smoke from forest fires in the of the nation caused unusual darkne midday in New England on May 19, Noon seemed almost as dark as midn causing chickens to roost.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	57	41	sh	61	45	pc	64	41	pc	60	43	pc	66	49	pc
Butler, PA	55	44	sh	61	43	pc	64	41	pc	61	39	pc	64	46	pc
Cambridge, OH	60	43	c	65	45	pc	67	44	pc	64	42	pc	67	48	pc
Canton, OH	58	42	sh	62	45	pc	66	41	pc	61	42	pc	67	48	pc
Cincinnati, OH	67	45	pc	74	52	pc	70	49	pc	70	48	pc	71	53	pc
Clarion, PA	50	41	sh	58	43	pc	62	38	pc	60	39	pc	63	45	pc
Clarksburg, WV	60	45	sh	64	44	pc	68	48	pc	63	43	pc	69	49	pc
Cleveland, OH	55	45	sh	60	46	pc	61	43	pc	61	44	pc	65	49	s
Columbus, OH	62	44	pc	69	49	pc	67	46	pc	66	46	pc	69	52	pc
Cumberland, MD	58	45	c	66	45	pc	69	45	pc	64	42	pc	65	48	pc
Erie, PA	54	45	sh	57	45	pc	59	42	pc	55	43	pc	62	49	pc
Franklin, PA	51	42	sh	59	44	pc	62	38	pc	58	39	pc	63	45	pc
Greensburg, PA	56	45	sh	63	47	pc	66	45	pc	62	44	pc	68	50	pc
Greenville, PA	55	43	sh	59	44	pc	61	40	pc	59	40	pc	66	46	pc
Grove City, PA	53	43	sh	60	43	pc	63	40	pc	60	39	pc	63	46	pc
Hagerstown, MD	62	47	c	66	47	pc	69	48	pc	65	45	pc	66	50	pc
Indiana, PA	54	45	sh	62	45	pc	67	46	pc	63	43	pc	69	51	pc
Jamestown, NY	50	42	c	53	42	sh	56	38	pc	52	39	pc	58	46	pc
Kittanning, PA	55	46	sh	62	45	pc	66	44	pc	62	42	pc	67	49	pc
Lisbon, OH	56	42	sh	61	45	pc	63	42	pc	61	42	pc	67	48	pc
Mansfield, OH	61	43	c	64	45	pc	65	41	pc	61	43	pc	66	49	s
Marietta, OH	62	44	c	68	49	pc	69	46	pc	66	45	pc	69	50	pc
McKeesport, PA	55	45	sh	65	47	pc	65	44	pc	62	44	pc	67	49	pc
Meadville, PA	53	43	sh	57	44	pc	59	41	pc	57	42	pc	64	47	pc
Morgantown, WV	59	45	sh	66	47	pc	66	48	pc	66	43	pc	67	49	pc
New Castle, PA	56	44	sh	61	44	pc	63	41	pc	61	40	pc	66	47	pc
Oil City, PA	51	43	sh	59	44	pc	63	39	pc	59	40	pc	64		
Pittsburgh, PA	56	45	sh	64	45	pc	64	45	pc	64	43	pc	67		
Sharon, PA	56	43	sh	60	44	pc	62	40	pc	60	39	pc	66		
Somerset, PA	50	42	sh	57	43	pc	62	41	pc	60	41	pc	60		
Steubenville, OH	55	44	sh	61	47	pc	67	43	pc	62	43	pc	66		
Uniontown, PA	58	44	sh	63	45	pc	68	46	pc	62	41	pc	67		
Warren, OH	56	44	sh	62	45	pc	62	40	pc	61	40	pc	66		
Washington, PA	57	43	sh	61	43	pc	65	41	pc	60	39	pc	66		
Waynesburg, PA	58	44	sh	62	45	pc	67	45	pc	61	41	pc	66		
Wheeling, WV	55	44	sh	61	47	pc	66	44	pc	61	43	pc	66		
Youngstown, OH	56	43	sh	60	44	pc	62	40	pc	60	39	pc	66		
Wooster, OH	59	42	c	63	45	pc	62	42	pc	60	42	pc	66		
Zanesville, OH	60	42	c	66	46	pc	68	45	pc	64	43	pc	67		

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Titan Man

Westminster's mascot once rode high on horseback into Burry Stadium for athletic events

By Ben Knauff
Campus Writer

They are so common you might hardly notice one, but stadiums simply feel empty without them.

School mascots: Southern California has the Trojan, Syracuse has the Orangeman, Florida has the Gator. All are present every Saturday for their respective teams' football games. Sadly, the Westminster Titan is not, but it wasn't always so.

"It was a big plus when we had one," former physical education chair Marjorie Walker said.

According to Walker, the Titan, who rode onto the track on a brown horse covered in a blue and white blanket, attended football games in the 70's for about 6 to 8 years. Picture a Roman soldier, ala Gladiator. He wore a titan helmet, gold colored armor, shin guards, and draped his soldiers with a dark cape. As he rode, he waved about a sword, trying to get the fans into the action.

Walker said that after touchdowns, the Titan would charge down the side of the field in celebration. During one of these charges, the mascot almost ran over a cheerleader. Physical education chair Scott Renninger said it was things like this, in the dawn of the 'litigation age,' that eventually led to the Titan's demise.

"The only real prerequisite was knowing how to ride, and that was probably part of the dilemma in losing it, that he needed to know how to handle a horse." Renninger said.

As Renninger said, mascots that ride on horseback at other colleges, such as the Florida State Seminole, are invariably equestrian trained. This lowers the possibility of accidents. With all of the fans, and cheerleaders, and the band, there is a considerable risk of the horse getting spooked.

Westminster simply does not have a budget on a par with large schools such as Florida State. This makes the Titan mascot on horseback a near impossibility in today's world. Still, some students would like to see the mascot on campus. Sophomore Matt Kuza is one athlete who would like to see the Titan at sporting events.

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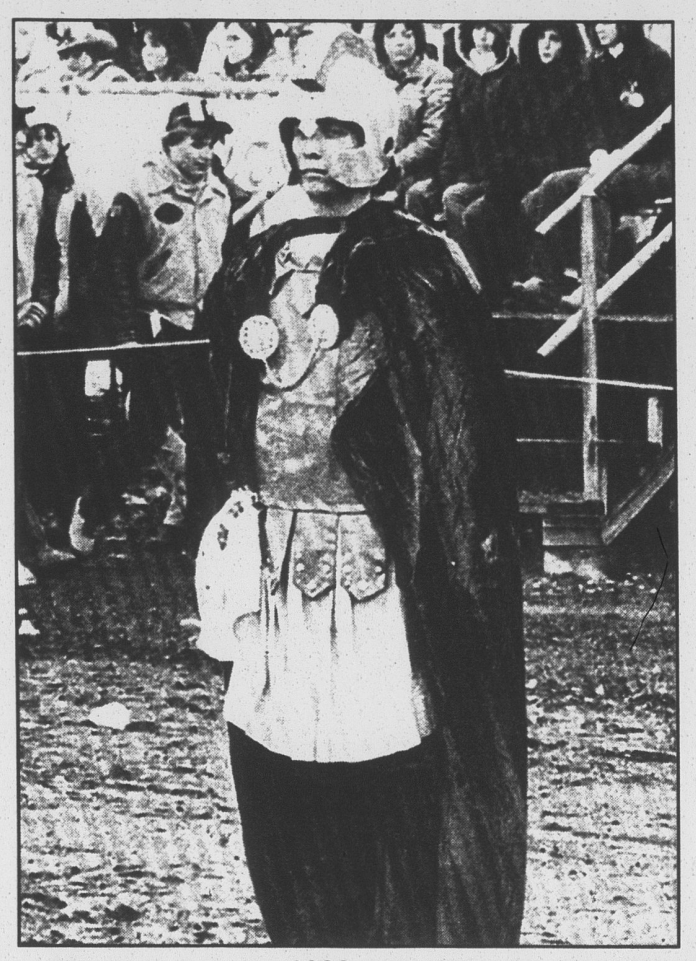
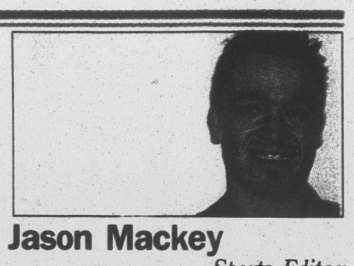


This photo from the 1982 Argo shows the Titan mascot decked out in riding attire.



Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

A view from within

As you may already know, yes, I played baseball for the Westminster Titans (Well, I was a relief pitcher, but that's a different Holcad column altogether).

Furthermore, as unethical in the world of journalism as it may be, I'll provide you with a true View from Within for the 2006 Titan Baseball season.

We finished 18-19 (6-12 PAC), and despite a near .500 winning percentage, we finished 7th in the PAC (And for those of you scoring at home - that's last place).

Head coach Carmen Nocera would, and often did, sum up the year with one word: injuries. Early in the spring, we suffered set-backs to three of our top, left-handed pitchers: Tony Cunningham, Scott Carney, and Bobby Glass. And a month later, another lefty, Steve Sylvester, went down with an unfortunate ankle injury. This left the pitching staff sitting firmly behind the eight-ball.

Nocera also decided to pull an all-conference outfielder from the grass, and place him behind the plate. Ed DeRose, a senior that went on to win the team-MVP, struggled early. However, as the season wore on, he greatly improved on both defense and throwing. DeRose hit .322 (29-90), while slugging seven doubles, three home runs, and 24 RBI.

Brian Andrews, returning for his 17th season on the Titan diamond, provided the Titans with some excellent post-Vietnam War leadership. Andrews hit .289 (33-114), while posting team-leading totals of six home runs, nine doubles, and 38 RBI.

The Newcomer of the Year Award, if it was actually given out, would certainly wind up in the hands of sophomore pitcher Andy Robison. Robison started the season as the team's closer, but was quickly thrust into the roll of "PAC Starter." Squirrel, as he's known by his teammates, posted a 3.38 ERA (Second only to that of junior reliever Mike O'Leary's mark of 0.00), and struck out 23 in 37 1/3 innings.

Keeping with the current trend of pitching, Brenton "Happy" Gilmore had another outstanding season on the Titan rubber. Gilmore led the team in innings-pitched (51 1/3), as well as strikeouts (46), and finally, batters plunked (15). Well, actually he led the conference in that final statistic. Sorry Hap.

Donald Reginald Womeldorff, the team's outstanding centerfielder and more importantly, the nephew of our pitching coach, led the team with a .361 (44-122) batting average. He also slugged three home runs, tied Andrews with nine doubles, and posted 25 RBI.

Mark Francazio not only played an important role in the team's error total, but also posted a .333 average, with two home runs, 16 RBI, 57 balls hit right at an opposing fielder, and 896 randomly cheesy comments.

It was a tough season to endure, and it was one that saw the conference greatly improve from a year ago. But the Titans did take "two-of-three" from both Waynesburg and then Thomas More to close out the year.

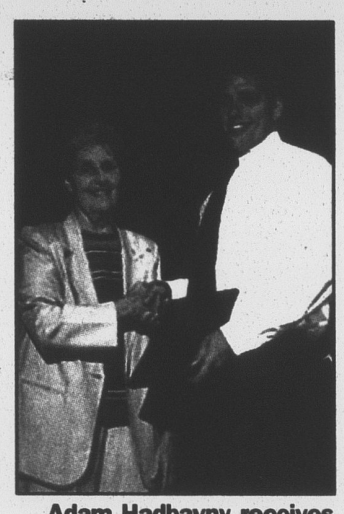
The Thomas More series was really sweet. Senior Evan Triplett threw the game of his life; a nine-inning gem in which he surrendered only five hits and one run, to close out the season.

Oh, and I almost forgot. I hit my first home run in that series. Okay, I lied. I didn't forget.

WESPY AWARDS

Athletics honors top 2005-2006 achievements at annual WESPY awards

The Westminster College Department of Athletics hosted the Third Annual WESPY (Westminster Exceptional Sports Performances of the Year) Awards May 8 at Orr Auditorium. The WESPY's honored team MVPs for all 18 Titan and Lady Titan varsity sports teams, as well as numerous annual awards and recognition of top athletic achievements throughout the 2005-06 academic year.



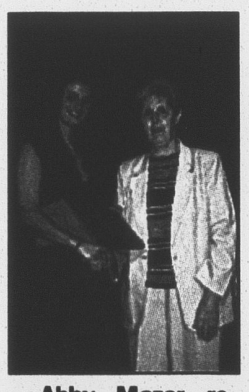
Adam Hadbavny receives the Fawcett award from Marjorie Walker.

Highlighting the event was the awarding of the annual **David B. Fawcett and Marjorie A. Walker Awards,** given annually to honor and acknowledge those individuals who best exemplify the qualities of fairness, sportsmanship, leadership, determination and competitiveness. The Fawcett Award was given to senior track & field athlete/football player Adam Hadbavny (Westmoreland City/Norwin H.S.), while the Walker Award was presented to senior softball player Abby Mazar (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.).

Hadbavny earned seven letters at Westminster (four in track & field, three in football). In track, he was a five-time Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) champion in the throwing events (discus, shot put, javelin) while setting two school records. In football, he was a two-year starter at defensive end, earning Academic All-District honors. Mazar was a four-year starter at second base for the Lady Titans, earning All-PAC honors each of the last three seasons while leading Westminster to its first-ever PAC softball title in 2005.

The WESPY Award, given for the top single-event athletic performance by a Titan and Lady Titan athlete this year, was voted on by the entire campus community. The male WESPY went to Titan junior swimmer Ryan Trunk (Brookline, MA/Cheshire Academy H.S.), who earned All-America honors in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle at the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships in Minneapolis, Minn. The female WESPY went to Lady Titan freshman track & field athlete Kate Kushner (Pittsburgh/Brentwood H.S.), who captured PAC championship titles in both the 100 meter hurdles and 400 meter hurdles in 2006

The Senior Scholar Athlete Awards are given annually to the graduating senior male and female student-athletes with the highest cumulative grade-point averages. The men's awards went to basketball player Brian Fadden (New Castle/Mohawk H.S.) and baseball player Brenton Gilmore (Blairsville/Blairsville H.S.), while the women's honor went to soccer player Tara Hoellerman (Wexford/Pine-Richland H.S.). Fadden and Gilmore each maintain cumulative grade point averages (GPA) of 3.51, with Fadden majoring in mathematics and Gilmore in history. Hoellerman maintains a 3.82 GPA majoring in media art.



Abby Mazar receives the Walker award from Marjorie Walker.

Westminster Athletics presented a pair of **'Honorary Titan'** Awards to Bob Latta and Joe Onderko, both of New Wilmington. Latta, who is retiring as director of financial aid at the end of the school year, served as a clock operator at Titan games for several years and is a long-time supporter of Westminster athletics. Onderko has served as sports information director at Westminster for the past 11 years and will leave to become the first full-time executive director of the PAC in 2006-07.

The athletic department also honored a Westminster faculty member for their support of Titan athletics with the **WESPY Towering Titan Faculty Award**. Dr. David L. Barner, associate professor and chair of the Communication Studies, Threatre and Art Department, was honored. Barner, of Mercer, has served as the 'Voice of the Titans' on Westminster radio and television sports broadcasts for the past several years.

WESPY Coach of the Year honors went to men's swimming coach Rob Klamut and women's soccer coach Girish Thakar. Klamut, now in his 21st season at Westminster, led the Titan swimmers to their third PAC championship in the past four years. Thakar, in his fourth season as Lady Titan soccer coach, led Westminster to a 17-5-1 record and the program's fourth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament. **The WESPY Men's & Women's Team Performances of the Year** also were awarded to the Titan men's swimming and Lady Titan soccer teams, respectively.

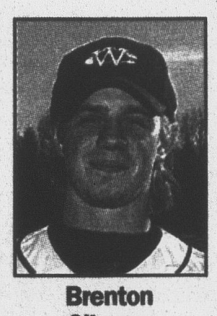
WESPY Team Comebacks of the Year went to the Titan football team against local league rival Grove City and the Lady Titan swimming team versus PAC foe Washington & Jefferson. The Titan gridders topped the Wolverines 14-13 on a 14-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Brett Myers (Tallmadge, OH/Tallmadge H.S.) to sophomore wide receiver Brett Ziegler (Somerset/Somerset H.S.) with 16 seconds to play. The Lady Titan swimmers topped the Presidents 103-102 when junior Megan McLaughlin (Wooster, OH/Wooster H.S.) touched first in the final relay event by .01 of a second.

WESPY Comeback Athlete of the Year laurels went to senior football running back Sean Buggey (Homer City/Homer-Center H.S.) and sophomore softball pitcher Sarah Henry (North Bloomfield, OH/Bristol H.S.). Buggey recovered from numerous injuries his junior year to rush for a team-high 878 yards and five touchdowns this season, while Henry overcame a career-threatening injury suffered as a freshman to post a 3-3 record and 1.96 earned-run average with 41 strikeouts in 2006.

The WESPY Unsung Hero Awards, given to student-athletes for their inspirational attitudes, were awarded to senior Jordan Hinds (McKees Rocks/Our Lady of Sacred Heart H.S.) of the men's cross country and track & field teams and junior Katie McDermott (Austintown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) of the volleyball team.

WESPY Rookie of the Year honors went to women's track & field athlete Kristen Van Sickel (Pittsburgh/Trinity Christian H.S.) and men's swimming standout Conor Simpson (Monroeville/Gateway H.S.). Van Sickel was an All-PAC performer in the 400 meter dash, while Simpson was a two-time PAC champion in the 100 and 200 butterfly events.

Senior Scholar Athletes



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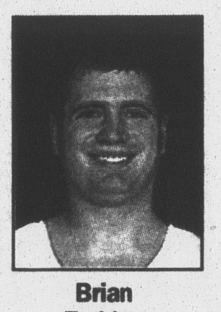


Brian Fadden

Team MVP Awards

Baseball - Senior catcher Ed DeRose
Men's Basketball - Senior guard/forward Brian Fadden
Women's Basketball - Sophomore guard/forward Emilee Ackerman
Men's Cross Country - Senior Jordan Hinds
Women's Cross Country - Junior Amy Carroll
Football - Senior running back Sean Buggey
Men's Golf - Sophomore Jeff Skubick
Women's Golf - Junior Kelly Spisak
Men's Soccer - Junior defender Todd Atwood
Women's Soccer - Sophomore forward Mallory Bugel
Softball - Senior second basmean Abby Mazar
Men's Swimming - Junior Ryan Trunk
Women's Swimming - Junior Britt Thomas
Men's Tennis - Freshman Stefan Hadricky
Women's Tennis - Junior Sara Belsito
Men's Track & Field - Senior Adam Hadbavny
Women's Track & Field - Sophomore Jessica Cooper
Volleyball - Senior outside hitter Erin Hinks

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Summer flicks ...and tips

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Summer is almost here, which means primetime movie season. All the entertainment companies are practically drooling at the profits to come: high ticket prices, overpriced heart attacks covered in butter and candy, and all in the comfort of a temperature controlled environment. I always love the feeling of coming out of a dark theater after two hours into the bright sunlight.

Now, don't misunderstand me-I love movies, but the entertainment business is cutthroat and basically screwing us over financially. There you have my couple lines of complaint, because I always give in for the love of movies. It's hard for me to recommend what to see in the summer, because films always have a way of exceeding our expectations…or not. So rather than guess, I'll give you some tips to improve your movie-going experience. And if you care, the two movies I'll definitely be seeing this summer are The DaVinci Code and the second Pirates of the Caribbean movie. Anyway, here are the tips:

Sneak in food. Why pay crazy prices when you can sneak in Chinese food, pizza, or something else equally obnoxious?

Open your food before the movie starts. Nothing irks me more than befuddled people loudly trying to open their box of Goobers.

Don't offer your commentary during the film. Johnny Depp may be delightful, but refrain from yelling "Damn he's fine!"

Go in time for the previews. Some people hate them, but I enjoy seeing trailers of "upcoming attractions."

Bring a parka. Theaters like to freeze out their customers in the summer.

Look before you sit down because you know someone's old Raisinet is going to get stuck on your butt.

Go ahead and put your feet up, but not when someone is sitting in front of you.

Do restrain from punching the obnoxious pre-teens in the front. The assault charge isn't worth it.

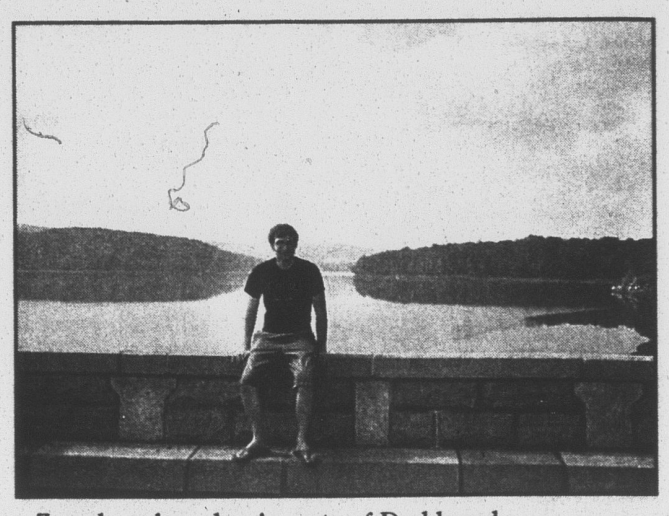
Use your student I.D.-most theaters offer a student discount.

Finally, see good movies, and see a lot of them!

Emerging Artist

People Against Nate Zuzack

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer



If you're an upperclassman reading this, you may remember Nate Zuzack, a 2004 alumnus. Nate was a psychology major and music minor, but you probably remember him best from his appearances in Beeghly Theater.

Zuzack was in a number of plays including "Scapin", "The Importance of Being Earnest", and "The Baker from Madrigal".

Since graduating Zuzack has taken a break from theater and is making his way into the music scene. He began in Slippery Rock and has been living in Scranton PA since the fall (and yes, he knows where the Welcome to Scranton sign is in the beginning of The Office).

Nate has been working on recording some of his work and has a demo completed. His recorded songs, "Maybe the TV", The Fall of Rome" and "Best Friend" were featured on Titan Radio's Backyard band week. If you missed them then, you can check them out on Nate's Myspace www.myspace.com/peopleagainstnatezuzack.

Zuzack, when he is not working on his own music, spends his time teaching guitar lessons and working as a therapeutic staff support worker with a social services/ mental health worker.

Zuzack has been appearing at open mic nights and doing some gigs with local bands from the other side of the state like Agnes, Spread Thin, and Ambulette. He hopes to keep playing live shows and continue recording.

If you like good acoustic music then you will definitely enjoy Nate Zuzack. According to his myspace, his music has been compared to Ben Folds, Bright Eyes, and I would dare to throw in a bit of Dashboard.

Even though Zuzack is on the other side of PA, he is still getting publicity here in his hometown.

"The directors of music for 93.1 WYEP & 105.9 the X in Pittsburgh both had positive things to say about the music. Vinny, from the X said that it reminded him of Dylan", said Isaac Ludwig, class of '04 former Titan radio personality.

"When I listened to The People Against Nate Zuzack for the first time I immediately saw "The Fall of Rome" as a standout song. It would work very well as a single or in movies for sure," added Ludwig.

THE CLARKS Steel City Saints

By Amy Sasfai
Contributing writer

Just when I think four years is enough to know every corner of Westminster's Campus, all of a sudden I find we have a "hospitality room" exactly two doors down from my beloved math class.

The funny thing is, it's been there all year. I guess I'd just been too distracted by Dr. Faires' amazing necklaces to notice.

Now, this brand-new-to-me hopitality room had a sheet on the window; I imagined it to be a sign of anticipated rock star privacy.

I was eager to see what the "hospitality room" was boasting.

As I turned the handle, my stomach dropped. "What if they're in there?"

The door clicked. It was just Jeff Creveling preparing a lovely medley of chicken and vegetables.

No sign of anyone famous yet in the hospitality room.

A few minutes passed, and I looked at the door. One by one starting with Scott and ending with Rob, the Clarks had entered the room.

Luckily beforehand, I had written down a few questions, in case I forgot how to speak. Needless to say – I'm a fan.

I first approached guitarist, Rob James because he was the first one done eating his dinner.

Sitting on the little blue hospitality couch, my heart dropped when I opened my mouth. I began asking him general questions from my safely sheet until it hit me. James wasn't only a true Pittsburgh rock star; he was also one of the most soft-spoken men I'd ever met. I decided to ditch the sheet and get answers to the questions I cared about.

Rob James was the perfect pick for an icebreaker. His main influences include REM, U2, the Police, and his favorite – Tom Petty. Very contented with all of his answers, James showed real gratitude for his experiences.

When asked if there would ever be a world tour in his future, he modestly replied, "If it hasn't happened in twenty years, I don't see it happening for us." Apparently his definition of "happened" differs greatly from the rest of Pittsburgh.

Next, I found myself sitting in front of an obscene amount of junk food. M 'n' Ms, cookies, chocolate syrup, peanut butter, crackers – the works. Being a starving college student, I was distracted for a hot second. I quickly got back on track.

Greg Joseph, the bassist for the Clarks was now in the hot seat. His influences include anything from Elvis Costello to Shawn Colvin. Having sold my Shawn Colvin CD for five bucks at a garage sale a few years back, I laid low. He went on saying he doesn't care what kind of venue he plays as long as everyone is having fun. His brand new solo album "American Dream" was clearly the sparkle in his eyes.

Former computer science major at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarks drummer Dave Minarik was sitting by the covered window sporting his shaggy brown hair and his 80's leather vest. It was Johnny Cash who inspired this Pittsburgh percussionist. However, Cash's influence was not the defining character of Mr. Minarik.

Some musicians think exotic cars and mansions are the defining characteristic of success, but when asked what he was able to buy, he just shrugged. "That stuff's not really important. It just clutters who you are." He nailed that one.

After about 15 minutes, it was time to interview front man/lead vocalist/guitarist Scott Blasey. This round it was Prince, The Beatles, Ryan Adams, and the ever-popular Tom Petty that prompted a love of music. Currently spinning in Blasey's CD player; soul singer, Anthony Hamilton and a newer band called My Morning Jacket. He's a fan of playing the bigger venues, and believes it was the 2000 album "Let It Go" that started to speak to the fans. "We turned a corner with that album, " Blasey confirms.

Finally, I had to ask about the infamous Clarks rumor that has floated around campus for years. The rumor goes as follows: The Clarks are never coming back to Westminster because there was a huge fight, and now they hate it here. The truth goes as follows: There was a fight at the last concert. A few of their friends got beat up, and they were forced to end the show early. However, this isn't the reason they haven't been back since that show. "We love it here, commented Blasey. We just haven't been able to get back here until now." So please – if you know someone who still believes the rumor, stop the madness.

So we said our goodbyes, and I promptly walked back up the hill still star struck and telling anyone on my side of campus what I just did. I interviewed the Clarks.

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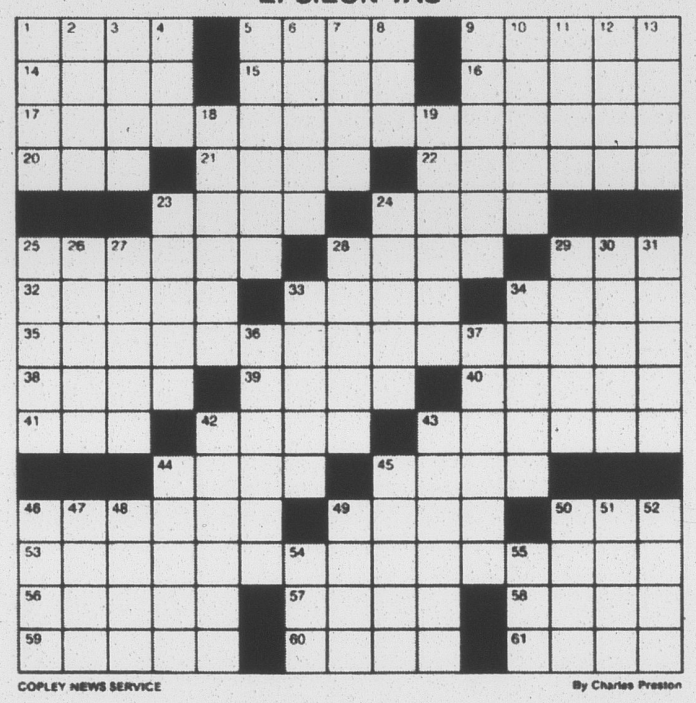

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Harmony in domestic relationships is to be expected this week. Plan to spend quality time with near and distant relatives or family members.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Keep your diary or journal close at hand to chronicle the events and people that you will encounter. These notes could turn into an award-winning novel.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Look for an interesting way to increase your cash flow. The most fascinating opportunities will somehow be connected to fine art, music or entertainment.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Make a lasting impression with enthusiasm and extra energy. Move with lightning speed and do not allow any grass to grow under your feet.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Your thoughts create your reality. Avoid concentrating on the negative attributes of your life and focus in on what is positive and uplifting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Take advantage of a timely and exciting networking opportunity. Enjoy joining forces with some of your close friends and associates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Your brilliance or genius in business or professional affairs is very apparent. Work your magic and show off what you can do in your area of expertise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Exaggeration sets the stage for unrealistic expectations. Speak frankly or honestly and avoid making promises that will be difficult to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your attention turns to fiscal matters. Be sure to guard or protect your credit rating and to remain always mindful of your spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Optimistic loved ones will play a major role in your life this week. In times of trouble, doubt or fear, turn to them and listen to their sage-like advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You can never have too much help or get too much support from colleagues or coworkers. Welcome their input or suggestions with an open mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): This promises to be a highly social and congratulatory time for you. Make plans to celebrate a special milestone or the completion of a project.

Sudoku!

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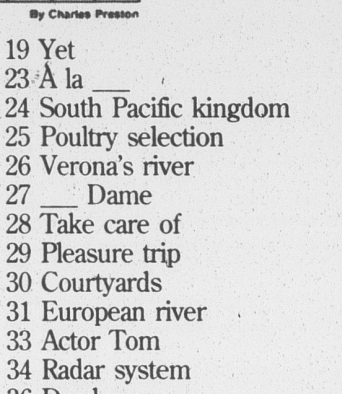

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Coming next year in A&E:

Movie reviews by Sherri Breitigan

Music reviews by Amanda Miller

Be sure to watch A&E next year!

Westminster College celebrates commencement

More than 335 students are expected to earn diplomas Saturday, May 20, during the 152nd annual Westminster College commencement ceremonies. The 2005-2006 academic year will conclude with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Orr Auditorium and commencement at 2:30 p.m. on the Senior Terrace of Old Main.

The Rev. Daniel B. Merry, associate pastor to Pittsburgh Presbytery and 1977 Westminster graduate, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, "Is God Fair?" Merry is also the staff person to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Administrative Commission for Transformation and the Malawi Partnership Ministry Team.

After receiving his degree from Westminster, Merry went on to Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., where he served as student pastor of the Midway Presbyterian Church in Maxton, N.C. In 1981, he went to serve as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Pittston, and in 1987 he accepted the call to the John McMillan Presbyterian Church in Bethel Park, where he remained for 13 years with a congregation that grew from 85 to almost 400. Between August 2004 and August 2005, Merry and his family served the Synod of Blantyre in Malawi, Africa.

Charles R. Burke, Westminster College Trustee Emeritus and Chairman Emeritus of the Grable Foundation, will deliver the commencement address, "Thoughts for a Lifetime," after receiving an honorary doctor of public service degree from Westminster.

Burke received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. He was an attorney with Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, a staff attorney with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, a partner with McCann, Garland, Ridall & Burke, and a partner with SCC Investment Advisors, all located in Pittsburgh. He served on the boards of Rubbermaid, Inc., the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, and several other smaller corporations.

Burke continues to serve area charitable associations such as The Grable Foundation and The United Way of Allegheny County. He has previously served the Third Presbyterian Church, Eye and Ear Hospital, Better Business Bureau of Western Pennsylvania, Inc., Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Western Pennsylvania, and the Executive Service Corps of Western Pennsylvania.

The class of 2006 has chosen Nawal Rajeh to give the senior address. Rajeh, a senior political science and individual interdisciplinary major, is a graduate of Austintown-Fitch High School and a daughter of Ghassan and Soumaya Rajeh.

In case of rain, ceremonies will be held at the Memorial Field House. Contact the Academic Dean's Office at (724) 946-7122 for more information.

Schedule of events:

Friday, May 19

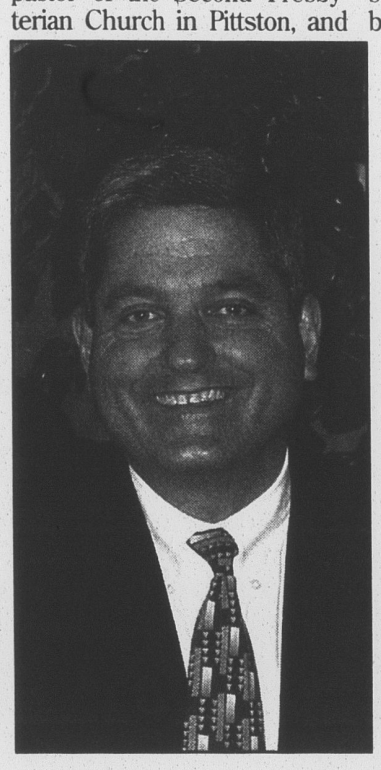
10:30 a.m. Practice, Beeghly Theater
11:30 a.m. Senior Class Picnic with the Board of Trustees and Presentation of the Senior Class Gift. Tent between Galbreath & Ferguson (inclement weather: Old 77) Food will be served until 12:30 p.m.
4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Dinner in McGinness (MUST have Titan Card for meal)

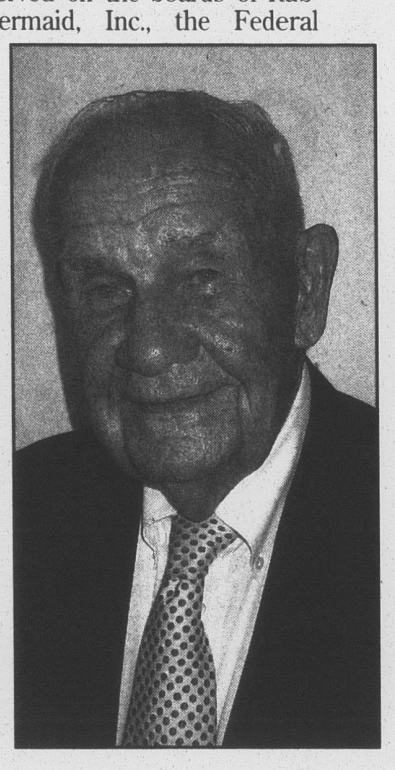
Saturday, May 20

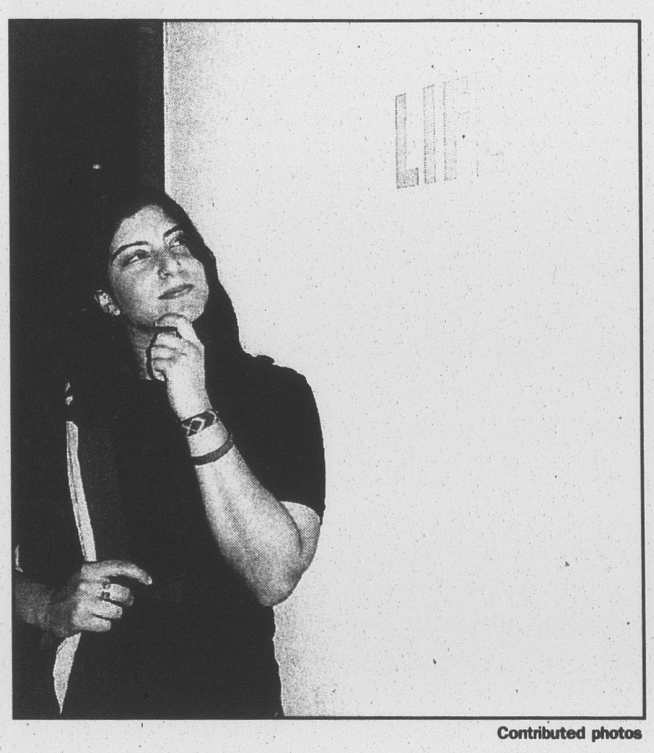
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast in McGinness (MUST have Titan Card for meal)
9:45 a.m. Graduates assemble in Beeghly Theater
10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate – Orr Auditorium
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Picnic Lunch on the Quad
1:30 p.m. Graduates assemble in Beeghly Theater (Inclement weather: Field House)
2:30 p.m. Commencement

The TUB will also offer coffee, danish, and juice from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for anyone.

The information booth will not only have general information, but also parents can pick up the diploma frames they ordered. Habitat will also sell flowers from the information booth.







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Speakers will offer graduates insight for the world after college on Saturday.

What not to wear
Gown Edition

Walking across the terrace
Myth isn't so scary after all

By Amy Schillinger
Campus writer

Built in 1927, Old Main remains a symbol of history and holds one of the college's most talked about superstitions.

Either during Fresh Start or on campus tours, students have been strictly warned not to walk across the senior terrace or they won't graduate on time. No one really knows when or why the rumor started, but superstitious students have been avoiding the walkway ever since.

"Its funny to watch my friends purposely go out of their way to not walk on it," Sophomore Suzy Soroka said, "and I'm definitely not going to try it either!"

Not everyone believes in the college's rumors. Some non-superstitious students see it differently.

"The whole thing is a myth. I've seen people run across it and still graduate in four years," Senior Jessica Robinson said, "Maybe breaking the rule is the key to graduating on time."

The original Old Main building was built in 1855 and was destroyed by a fire six years later. The college had many tempting offers to relocate but the citizens of New Wilmington were willing to raise $8,000 for the college to stay. With quick construction the new building was finished in 1862.

The second Old Main building lasted for 65 years until another fire coincidently damaged the building. Costing $335,000, a new memorial was completed in the spring of 1929 and is the building students know as Old Main today.

"I see Old Main as the focal point of the campus," 1984 alumna Sandy Ray said, "The nostalgic look preserves the campus' character."

After updating the electric system, installing air conditioning, an elevator and buying new furniture, the building was recently rededicated on September 23 2005. The $3 million renovation updated the inside of Old Main, but still kept the classic look of the outside.

Besides holding classes (and supposedly keeping students from graduating), Old Main is the site for many alumni related activities. Some Westminster couples find the senior terrace a romantic place for wedding receptions. While the campus staff seeks the terrace for a peaceful spot for a get after the student go home for vacation. During the summer, the 2006 Triennial Alumni Weekend will be held at Old Main, Saturday June 24, where alumni will gather for a special dinner on the terrace.

Superstitions are becoming just as important to the campus history as Old Main itself. As of now, the infamous senior terrace superstition is not the only rumor floating into the ears of students. Some have an eerie feeling the campus may be haunted. Students believe to have seen ghosts in Hillside and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, while others say that the college's famous mummy was rumored to be walking around at night.

Superstitious or not, on May 20 some students will finally get to step foot onto the forbidden terrace for graduation. Even though no one will ever know the truth, Old Main and its secrets will remain the heart of the campus for many years to come.

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By Kathryn Stanley
Campus writer

Graduation is a time of excitement and celebration, the end of one journey before another begins. One thing that can still stand between a student and their diploma is the dress code.

Wearing graduation gowns is a tradition. Students according to degree wear black gowns and caps with their specified colored tassels.

But being present at the ceremonies can be hindered if a student refuses to follow this dress code.

"It's like a catch-22; if a student wants to get receive their diploma they have to participate in graduation, but if they don't follow the dress code, they can't be present at graduation," said Jesse Mann, dean of academic affairs.

Some students have a problem with paying 25 dollars to get a black gown they only wear once. Dean Mann said this is untrue for all students. Some should be able to wear them again if they continue on to graduate school.

The activity fee doesn't include the cost of the graduation gown because not all students who start here will finish here. Also, some students do not receive their degree in four years, ending in them being overcharged.

"I think $25 was a little pricey since I'll never wear it again, but it could have been worse." senior Abby Ball said, "I can always sell it on Ebay after graduation anyway."

Renting a gown online from gownsandcaps.com can cost close to $30. Purchasing a gown from the same company has a standard fee of $187.25, not including cap and tassel. The cap and tassel cost almost $100 combined.

The online store, Caps N Gowns 4 Less, sells gowns by tens, each costing $28. If ordering a single gown, it would cost $89, not including shipping and handling.

Many places online do not allow the purchase of a single cap and gown. Caps N Gowns 4 Less requires a minimum ten gown shipment, each costing $89.

"We order the gowns from the Jostens Company," Sandra Shearer, bookstore manager, said, "Students pay $25 for the cap, gown and tassel."

There are three different colored tassels seen at graduation. Each tassel represents the degree received by the student. Pink represents a student who received a music degree while white stands for a Bachelor of Arts. Gold signifies a Bachelor of Science.

If a student doesn't want to keep their gown after graduation, they can always sell it on Ebay, but buying there isn't recommended. Finding the exact size for a used gown can be difficult and prices vary by seller.

Bachelor of Arts

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Jessica Rae Altman
George Ronald Austin
Elizabeth Lawrence Bacheson
Jessica J. Bailey
Abigail Lorraine Ball
Laura Lynn Bayuk
Sarah Johanna Blasko
Rachel Bodenlos
Craig Bohyer
Sarah Catherine Pauline Bolger
Rebecca Elaine Boozer
Sarah Michele Bouldin
Erin Leigh Brownstein
Tricia M. Burich
Janis Elizabeth Butcher
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Jessica Dyan Greene
Anthony Ryan Griffith
Adam David Hadbavny
Sarabeth Amanda Hall
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Abbigail Lee Harvey
Amanda Leigh Hauger
Justin Aquinas Wesley Hayek
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Tara Ashley Hoellerman
Jessica Grace Holiday
Lori Michelle Howard
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Kaylan Jill Lehotsky
Winifred Meredith Limmer
Dina Gabrielle Linn
Stacy Johanna Logue
Nathan Daniel Luce
Jason Mackey
Kettie L. Matheny
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Lindsay Marie Painter
Sarah Ann Patterson
Bryan C. Peck
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Cynthia Nicole Mancini
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Katie Janeen Schultz
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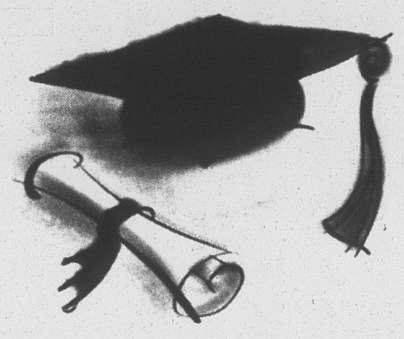

List of Potential Graduating Seniors for May 2006

The grass is greener at Westminster

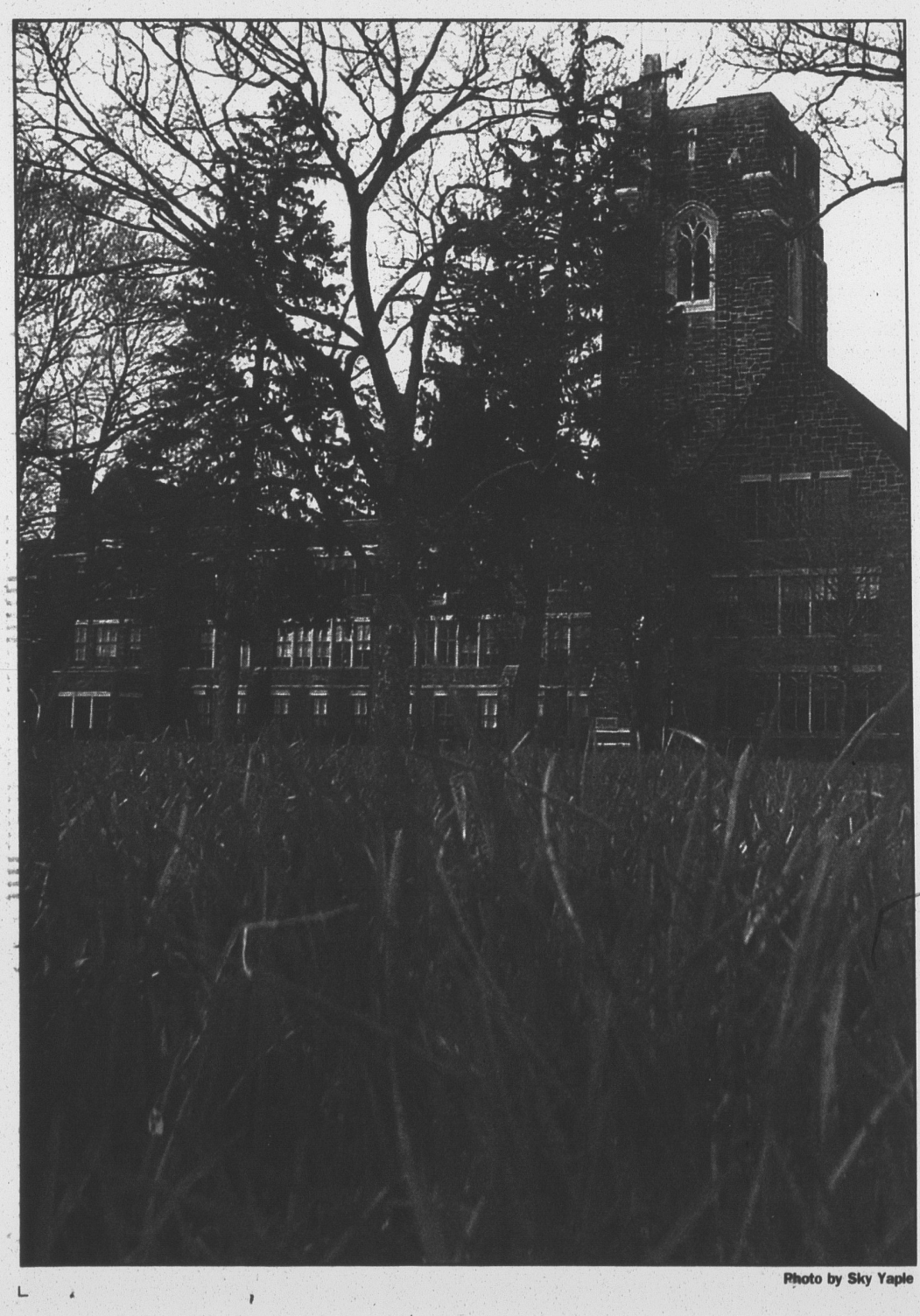

Photo by Sky Yaple

By Jeremy Lawler
Campus writer

We never try to ruin anyone's Kodak moment of Westminster. A lot of time goes into making this campus look nice and I want this campus to stand out everyday.

Steve Connell, Physical Plant grounds supervisor

Many Quad preparations are underway for commencement ceremonies and mowing season is fast approaching. Steven Connell, Physical Plant grounds supervisor explains that keeping the 300 acre campus picturesque is not an easy job.

"We never try to ruin anyone's Kodak moment of Westminster," Connell said. "A lot of time goes in to making this campus look nice, and I want this campus to stand out everyday."

In addition to chlorophyll's observable greening characteristics, what else keeps the campus grass green?

A program installed by Physical Plant called Integrated Pest Management or IPM, utilizes fertilizers and organic materials to help improve the quality of the turf, thus reducing the use of pesticides, herbicides and the like.

Annual or semi-annual soil analyses and airification techniques also contribute to making sure the grass is in top-notch shape.

According to Connell, many of the other local colleges in the area such as Geneva and Slippery Rock University have followed similar groundskeeping programs to ours.

Hydro-seeding and the installation of Penn Mulch; a greenish-blue recycled newspaper product also has been introduced this year to help retain moisture and facilitate the germination of the grass seed.

The Penn Mulch product, developed by Penn State University is much easier and faster to install than traditional straw and causes less weeds to crop up. The hydro-seeding process is much less expensive than sod and is much less time consuming.

Sophomore, Holly Leach, president of the Sierra Student Coalition states that the installation of the recycled newspaper product Penn Mulch is a plus for the college.

"We still have a long way to go," Leach said. "This is just one of the many added steps in making the college more environmentally friendly."

According to Physical Plant, the campus lawn is mowed twice per week during the peak growing season. Connell states that the mowing schedule varies from week to week based on what activities or classes are taking place.

"It always seems that I am in a class when they decide to mow," said junior Colby Neely. "They must get a schedule of all the tests on campus and then strategically place the loudest machines outside those windows."

Unlike the Grove City College rumor, students here are permitted to walk through the grassy Quad.

There will not be fines given out for treading upon the grass and Physical Plant does not see fines being issued for this in the near future. However, students must take caution when signs or flags are posted in the grass indicating that chemicals have been applied. In this case, students must remain off the grass for the next 24 hours.

Physical Plant still remains busy with finishing hydro-seeding and the planting of trees and flowers in preparation for commencement.

Campus News

TV Studio

College wants studio but right now cost too steep

By Aimee Corvel
Campus writer

Fundraising for a new broadcast journalism TV studio is expected to start after the radio station project is completed.

A room exists on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center that faculty and students are calling the box. David Barner, associate professor and chair of the communication studies, theatre and art department, wants to use this space for a new TV studio.

Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, said that she would like to use the box for some needed storage space. She added that the original plans for McKelvey included more storage rooms, but due to a lack of funds they were cut.

"I don't want to lose good space to storage, but I am hoping to get two storage rooms out of the box," Hawthorne said.

At present "the box" is being used to store Christmas decorations, tables, a lift used to change lights, and other various items.

Barner was the first to propose that a new TV studio should be built in the box. Hawthorne said that because building a new studio was not included in the original budget for McKelvey, it was not allocated any funding.

Barner said he considers it a personal challenge to raise the money needed to get the studio built. He added that he believes this can be accomplished with the support of the president and the Development Office and with his hard work.

Barner said that he will need to raise somewhere between $300,000 to $400,000 for the new studio.

He said that he will start fundraising for the studio after the radio station project is completed within the next year. He added that building the studio has no set time frame.

"It is my personal goal to get this TV studio done by 2010, and I think there is enough support out there to do it," Barner said.

He added that the major expenses in building the studio will be constructing the electric, heating, and air conditioning systems, and that soundproofing the box will be another major expense.

Barner said he would like to buy some new equipment for the studio, but that they would also use some of the equipment they already have.

He added that because the amount of money needed to be raised is large, he is going to try to identify foundations and government programs that would be interested in contributing to these types of development projects.

Many broadcast journalism majors have said that building a new TV studio will be beneficial for the future of the college.

"I don't think I'll be here when the TV studio is actually finished, but I definitely think that it will bring good things to Westminster," junior Leanne Veres said.

Barner said that many graduates that majored in broadcast journalism go on to lead successful careers, and that graduates of this major have a very high placement ratio. He added that this will definitely be attractive to many possible contributors.

Photo by Bradley Weaver

"The Box" right now is used for storage but one day may become the Channel 9 television studio.

Liberal

questioning future

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daughter attending an institution that carried this slogan around in its public relations material.

Some faculty members feel very hopeful about the future of the liberal arts education.

"As far as classics go, it's actually turned around a little in recent years in the sense that the class enrollments are healthier in languages of Greek and Latin," Castro said, "As far as the college is concerned, I think it's worth mentioning that Westminster made a commitment to keep the classics department going. The only difference is that there's one of me now when there used to be two of me. I give credit for the faculty and the administration not pushing to get rid of it when it was languishing."

Despite the College's efforts though, some departments are still in a period of decline. "Religion is the one are that I have seen decline as a study field and a career option," Castro said.

"We have a lot of people who can write well or think well, but they're not necessarily versed in what they're thinking from or in or to," Na said, "In order to know what you're thinking from or in or to, you need to know about western civilization and culture [...]"

According to some professors, the liberal arts education is no longer fulfilling its purpose in the lives of students.

"After graduation, graduates I hear have neither the Judeo-Christian knowledge nor the Greco-Roman knowledge to call themselves liberally trained in the western tradition. Basically, you have a vacuous, empty set of skills," Na said.

Even if some departments are doing well, Castro still "shares the concern about where the liberal arts in general are. I am more hopeful now about the liberal arts at Westminster than I used to be. I think we turned a corner in faculty thinking and I know the trustees are still devoted to liberal arts as well."

As far as departments other than religion and classics are faring with the "liberal arts" mission, Castro said, "History is doing very well and it always has. Philosophy has always been a small group, but I see it growing a little bit. I think English is doing very well, as it always has. The economics department may have suffered a hit more than other liberal arts subjects."

"This is more of a national problem, than Westminster's problem. We're not here to get you a job or train you for a job. Collective amnesia is excusable at a larger cultural level, but it is inexcusable at a liberal arts level," Na said.

Construction

A permanent inconvenience for a temporary fix

By Katie Frantz
Campus writer

Construction of water lines on Market Street might have some worried about Westminster commencement, but families and graduating students should have no fear of graduation plans being affected.

The water lines that run under Market Street broke a few weeks ago due to old age. The construction has been going on since April and is still not complete. At this point, students are fed-up with dodging sewers sticking out of the road and traffic jams when they are in a hurry.

"The road has been a disaster for a long time and it does not seem to be getting any better," sophomore Lindsey Thomas said. "The construction seems to be more of a permanent inconvenience for a temporary fix."

Dean of Security John Lechner provides a reason why the construction is such a major process instead of a quick fix. "The ground has been moving and shifting over the years and stresses underground pipes.

Combine the stress with corrosion and age-related brittleness and they eventually snap. Once you get major breaks on aging lines it is not a smart move to piecemeal the repairs, so the construction company did a major segment at once," Lechner said.

However, Westminster seniors and those who will be attending commencement on Saturday May 20 do not need to worry about roads being closed or having to follow detours around Market Street. Construction crews do not usually do work on Saturdays and New Wilmington Borough has no plans to do a street closing in conjunction with this project. New Wilmington Mayor Wendell Wagner passed along some comforting information on this cumbersome situation and the reason why New Wilmington Borough did not wait until post graduation to begin construction.

"The situation is out of our hands. We did not really have any control of when this project begins. It is all directed by the state of Pennsylvania. Although there is not a set completion date, it should be done by the time graduation rolls around," Wagner said.

The water line work has not yet caused a road closing or a detour. The only road closure expected for commencement is that of S. Market St. from Waugh Avenue to Beechwood Street which the college does every year. It is closed as soon as the procession march starts and re-opened as soon as the ceremony concludes. There are also Westminster security officers manning traffic control posts for the duration of the ceremony to direct traffic along the detour.

"I do not expect the water line construction to affect commencement," Dean John Lechner said.

"The only road closure or detour to be expected on commencement day is the one that Security does that keeps traffic from flowing past the commencement exercise and disrupting it with loud engine and exhaust noises." Westminster graduating students do not have anything to worry about on their graduation day. The construction will be cleared and normal traffic patterns will resume just in time.

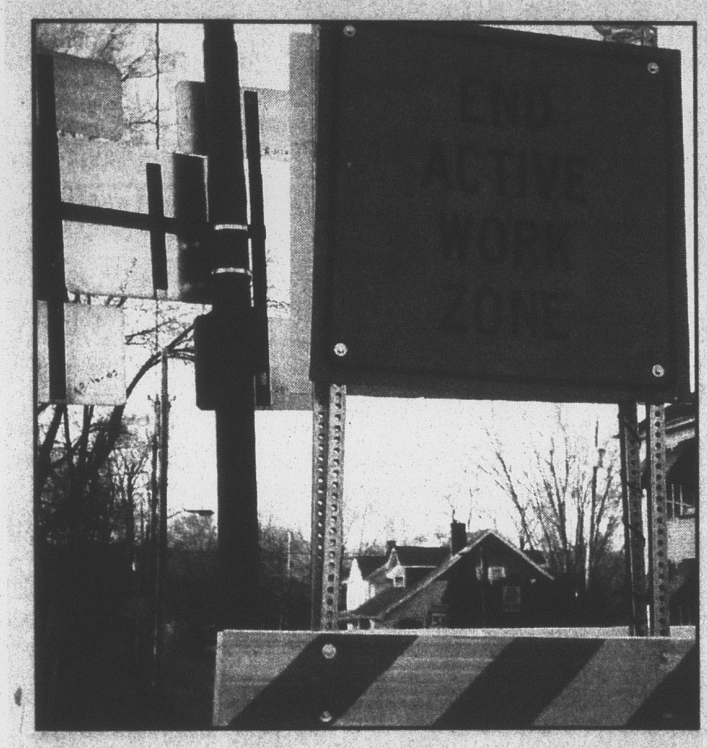

Photo by Amy Saxtal

This sign posted on Market Street was posted for more than a month as motorists made their way along the bumpy street.

Professor Suspended

Students question reasons behind dicey issue

By Jaimee Davis
Campus writer

There has been a large void in the music department all semester because one of the department's beloved professors is suspended.

While no specific details of the accusation are available, Dr. Elizabeth "Doc" Harrison, assistant professor of music and college organist, swears by her innocence.

"I maintain my innocence, and I'll swear by that until I die," Harrison said.

Jesse Mann, dean of academic affairs, informed students of the suspension in a colloquium—a weekly part of a music student's schedule—at the beginning of the spring 2006 semester.

Sophomore religion major and former organ performance major Craig Dressler attended the colloquium.

"Dean Mann said that Doc was suspended and that they were working to resolve the issue as best as possible," Dressler said. "[Mann] said she's welcome on campus and that we'd probably see her in her office, but that she wouldn't be teaching. No allegations were discussed."

Since that time, a letter of support, a large banner and small posters have made their way into the office of President Williamson and onto the walls of the music department and the McKelvey Campus Center.

Sophomore music education major Jason Perry wrote a letter of support for Harrison and had students sign it.

"It basically said that we miss Doc and that we value her professionalism," Perry said. "We got 59 signatures of students who either had Doc for class or were going to have her for class. We sent it to the President and to the Dean, and both received it."

After Harrison's name appeared in the schedule book for the fall 2006 semester, many students in the department thought that the issue was being resolved. Not long afterward, a banner appeared on the wall of the student lounge in the music department. It read, "Dear Doc, We love you and we want you back! You mean so much to us all! You're such an inspirational teacher, and we NEED YOU!"

Perry is also the work force behind the banner.

"I made the banner because nothing was being done; it was another effort to make students aware," Perry said. "Many students wanted to help Doc, but with schedules like they are, students were worn out. So I got paper from home, made the banner in my room, and put up the poster with Dr. Pitman's help."

The banner filled the wall, and many students signed messages to Harrison on it. Sometime over Easter break, the banner was taken down, rolled up and put by Harrison's door. It is now in Harrison's office.

"It was a very nice supportive sign," Harrison said. "I've definitely missed the students. I've really realized how much the Westminster student body means to me. I've had a lot of time to sit back and think about my classes and how I'd teach them. I'm eager to get back in the classroom and in the organ studio."

Not long after the banner was put up in the department, several small posters appeared on bulletin boards in the McKelvey Campus Center, McGill Library, the kiosk outside Old Main and Thompson-Clark, Patterson Hall, and Galbreath. Perry did not make these posters.

One poster read: "Honor, Not Malice—Bring Back Doc!" Another said: "'A Place to Excel! A Place to Achieve! A Place to Learn!'?? Not without Doc." A third read: "Doc, We miss you. We support you. We want you back!!!" The fourth poster read: "Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: 'True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.' We say: Justice for Doc!"

"One of the things that bother me is the cost to the students," Harrison said. "The friction and tension is costly in many ways. It interferes with the learning experience."

The tension has been growing in the department.

"Kids do miss Doc, and they're frustrated with the situation," Perry said. "The department just feels heavy. I try to not let the drama get in the way. Me, personally? It seems like it's taking way too long. A professor like Doc…you want to get her back in the classroom ASAP. She relates to the students very well and is very thorough. I've only had her for one semester, but I've learned quite a bit just from that class and from her concerts and recitals. You learn just by listening to her. She really knows her stuff."

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Sophomore religion major Craig Dressler

Dressler agrees with Perry's sentiments.

"I really hope the administration realizes what they've lost [this semester]. She's intelligent, collegial and talented and has really inspired a lot of people in and out of the classroom," Dressler said. "The college is really losing something. There is a lot of animosity because of it, and people miss her."

Harrison had a faculty hearing on Wednesday, May 17. The outcome of the hearing is not yet known.

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Dr. Elizabeth Harrison has been with the college for six years.

OOPS!

The Holcad **sincerely apologizes for leaving out several sentences in Jaimee Davis' article 'Professor Suspended.' Above you will see an entire reprint.**

FEATURES

Q & A with some lucky students

Titan Eye Candy

Features Editor Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of the top 5 head turners of the year

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Titan Eye Candy has been an article I've truly enjoyed writing week after week. The name of this article caused a bit of controversy during the first few editions. It seemed that although many students indeed hated the name of the column, it soon turned into a must-read. Each Friday, everyone was flipping to the back page of the paper to see who would be the next *Titan Eye Candy*.

In honor of the students featured in this column, I've decided to do a bit of year-end reminiscing and count down the top 5 most memorable *Titan Eye Candies* of the year.

#5- Legend Fisher/Theiss

Legend, a freshman history major from Mercer, served as the second Titan Eye Candy of the year. Week after week, he played the piano on the third floor in McKelvey and delighted students and faculty with his talent. One of the reasons Legend chose Westminster College was because he saw a piano in McKelvey and knew he could keep up with his playing. Legend was also a memorable Titan Eye Candy because of his humility.

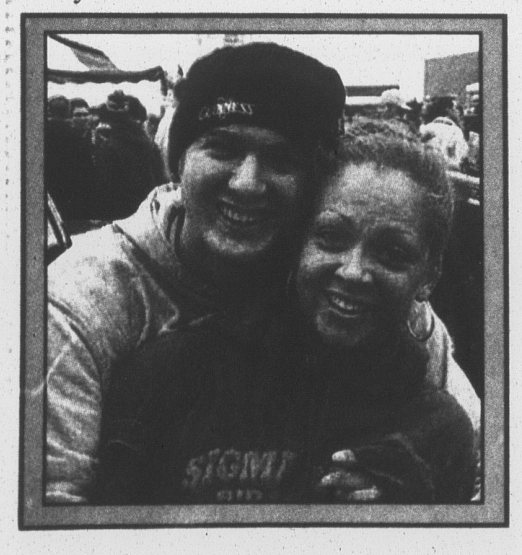
"Personally, I'm very sloppy," he said. "I don't play perfectly.

Keep an eye out for Legend as he continues to tickle the ivories in years to come.

#4- Thokozani Mwebe

Thoko, another freshman, traveled 28 hours by plane from his home of Malawi, Africa and left his family of two sisters and a brother in order to receive an education at Westminster. Back in high school, Thoko was almost forced to drop out due to financial hardships, but because of a generous sponsor in Iowa, he was able to attend Westminster. Although Thoko missed his family dearly this year, he realized the importance of a good education.

"Of course I miss them [my family]," he said. But coming here was the best opportunity for me."

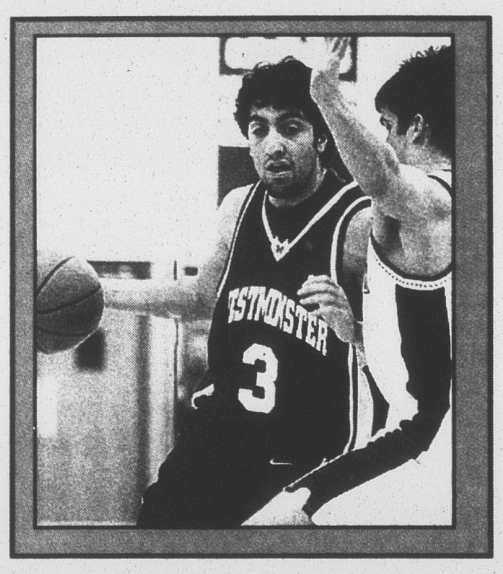


#3- Amy Schroder

Amy, a senior from Irwin, nearly died this past summer. While studying abroad in Argentina, Amy was exposed to carbon monoxide for nearly 12 hours due to a malfunction in a space heater. Amy spent 15 days in an Argentinean hospital and lost over 20 pounds and the ability to walk. After eight days in rehab, she learned to walk all over again. Amy feels lucky to have a second chance at life.

"There is no reason, medically, that I should be alive today," she said. "The doctors told my parents I was the first person they've seen with my condition that was able to fully recover."

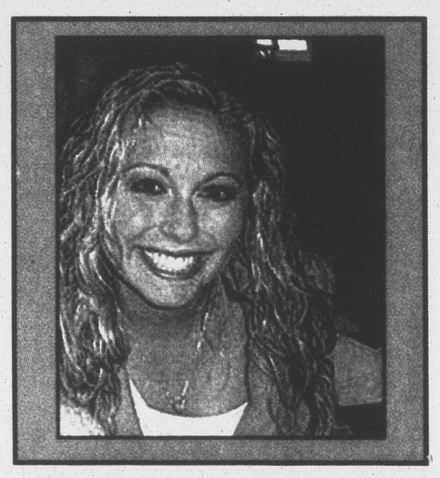
Amy will marry Andy Winner in June 2006.



#2- Dom Joseph

Dom, a senior from New Castle, suffered from a viral infection in his heart that kept him off the Titan basketball team earlier this year. One night after eating a good amount of his mother's macaroni and cheese, he experienced severe chest pain. Thinking it was merely heartburn, he ignored it. The next day, the pain in the left side of his chest was so severe that he finally drove himself to Jameson Hospital at 2 a.m. Three tests showed Dom had suffered a heart attack, but the doctors weren't buying the results. Hours later, at Allegheny General Hospital, further tests showed that Dom had myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle.

After months of rehabilitation, Dom was expected to make a full recovery. He will return to campus next fall in order to continue his basketball career with the Titans.



#1- Sara Belsito

Sara, a junior elementary education major from Pittsburgh, was chosen as this year's most memorable *Titan Eye Candy* because of her amazing story of strength and accomplishment.

Sara was diagnosed with leukemia as a sophomore in high school. She underwent chemotherapy for three years and dealt with all of the side effects, including the loss of her hair.

This avid tennis player has enjoyed the sport since the age of four and tried to maintain some of her physical strength while dealing with her treatment.

"One day I'd be getting chemo and would feel so weak and the next day I'd be walking a mile on the treadmill," Sara said. "You just want stuff so badly."

Sara kept up with her sport and now holds the #1 spot on Westminster's tennis team. This past January she celebrated her five year mark of remission.

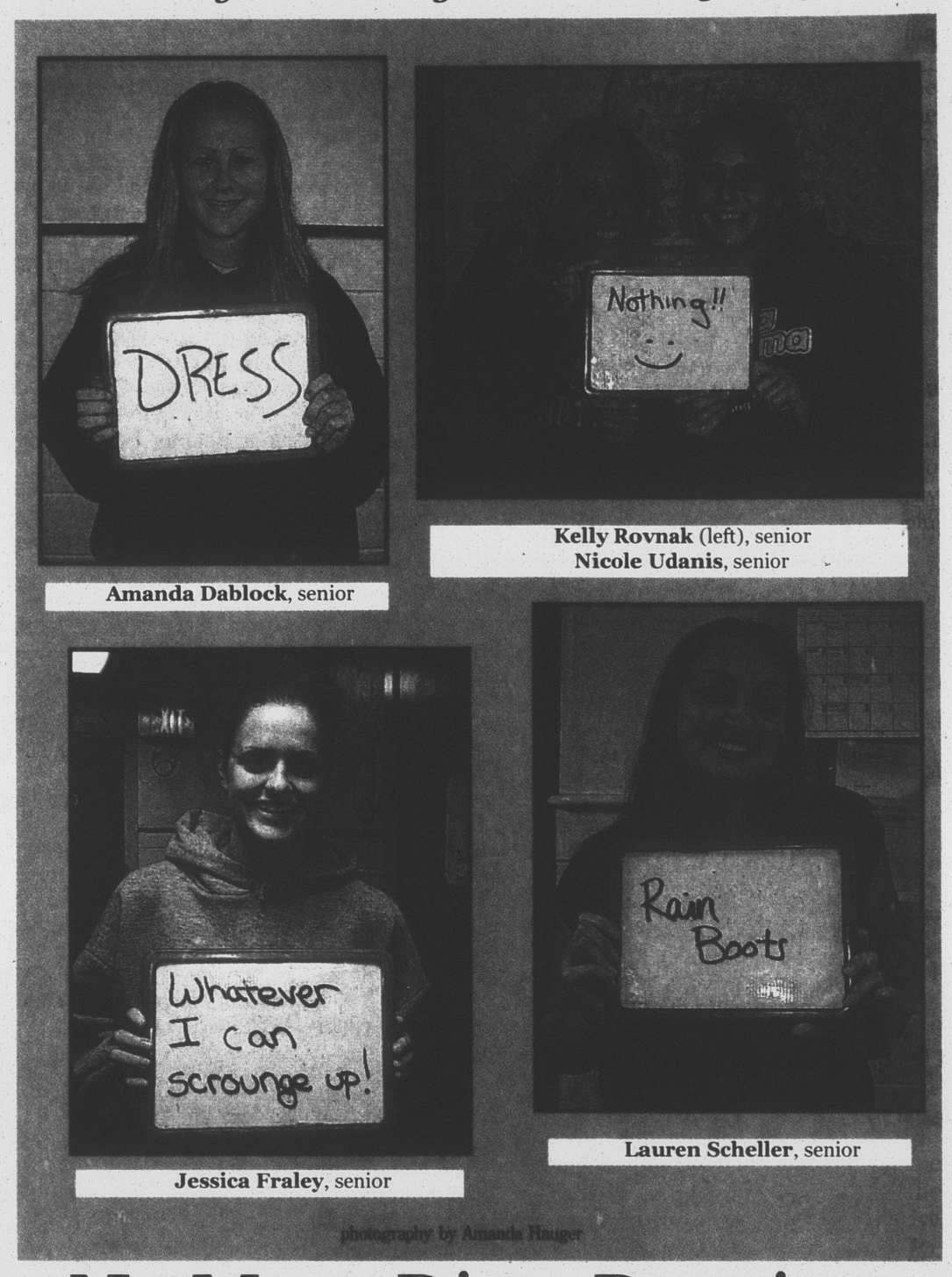
"For me it is such an accomplishment to be in college and to be #1 on a college tennis team after starting all over again," she said.

Sara is an avid advocate for Relay for Life. She even carried the Olympic torch for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Courage and persistence are two qualities Sara has that makes her #1 not only on WC's tennis team, but also #1 on our most memorable list.

Question of the Week

What are you wearing underneath your gown?



Amanda Dablock, senior

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No More Dirty Dancing

Poles banned after May Day shenanigans

By Tara Hoellerman
Staff writer

These days, students celebrate the coming of May with VolleyRock, but for many years they celebrated with a traditional May Day festival.

Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne said she was happy to make the change to something more students could enjoy. She said May Day didn't have the same appeal anymore.

Westminster's May Day tradition started in 1907.

One of the main events was the winding of the May Pole on Hillside's lawn.

For a few years in the 1920s, May Day expanded into an elaborate pageant with acrobats and detailed costumes. People came from all over to see.

Westminster librarian Molly Spinney remembered May Day when she was a student in the late 1960s.

"In the old days there really was a May Pole and there was a dance around it, but that was before my time," Spinney said.

Spinney also said it was quite elaborate. "You had flower crowns, you had flowers to carry, and it looked like a mini wedding ceremony."

Still, to her, Spinney said, having a "mini wedding ceremony" was a fun time.

"It was pretty and I mean most girls liked to dress up then," Spinney said. "I think most girls still like to dress up so this was one more occasion. There aren't that many occasions these days where you can dress up and be real feminine."

But Hawthorne said this elaborate wedding-like ceremony is the reason students lost interest in the tradition.

"For me personally it was horrible (laughing)," Hawthorne said.

"It was like planning a wedding with four people who didn't want to be there or participate or five people who didn't want to be there or participate and one who really did."

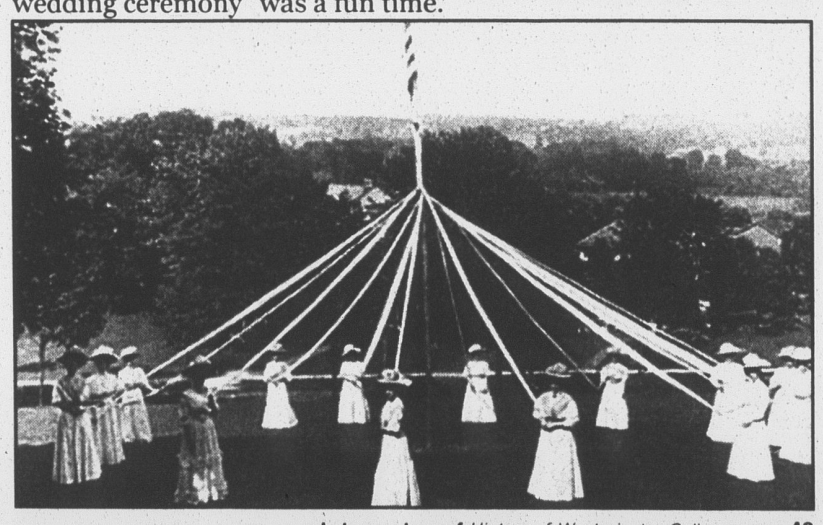
Hawthorne said the event was very expensive.

She'd rather spend the money on something like VolleyRock that all students could enjoy.

"And I kinda questioned myself, like why are we doing this? There's no one here. It's a popularity contest and a vote," Hawthorne said.

Hawthorne said today's homecoming court is similar but more substantial.

"It's got a little more backbone to it," she said. "You know you have to have the GPA; we give points for the GPA. We give you points for your activities. We have more than one person being nominated per group so that it's not so much popularity but is based on some kind of semblance of service to the college."



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She said even though we no longer do the May Pole dance or wear elaborate costumes, the idea is still here—dressed up in the addition of VolleyRock.

Conditional

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barely met the minimal standards, they would highly recommend one less course for his or her first semester.

While some college faculty, staff, and students are welcoming the program, others are concerned about the college's reputation.

I think it's dangerous to lower the standards of the school," junior Sarah Timm said. "I pride myself in being accepted to a vigorous, private, liberal-arts school, and if we admit those with standards below that of our school, perhaps other perspective students will not see us as a first-rate institution and not take their college experience here as seriously as it should be."

Swartz does not believe that the program will affect the college's reputation, partly because many other schools admit conditional students. He also said that there is no real change in admission criteria, so he does not expect prospective students to look at the college differently.

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Remembering Lynn Fox

Students and faculty grieve loss of lab manager, alumnus

By Ashley Campolongo
Campus Writer

The college community grieved the loss of an employee, a mentor and a friend this past summer. Lynn Fox died on the afternoon of Aug. 4, after he lost an arduous battle with cancer.

Fox was the master proctor for all the labs here on campus. He had meticulous work skills and always instilled a positive attitude. His knowledge, self-discipline, and genuine character earned him a great deal of respect.

One of his greatest legacies was the profound impact he had on students under his supervision. Fox had always showed patience as well as a great deal of understanding with many students. He always depicted an excellent work ethic during his career, a quality from which students benefited.

Fox

As an alumnus and employee of over twenty years, he formed many close relationships. Fox was close with many of his fellow co-workers on the information systems staff.

"He was a very kind person, the type that would stop whatever he was doing just to help you," department secretary Mary Dado said.

Stanton Fleming worked closely with Fox and shared several memories with him as a co-worker and close friend. Fleming was inspired by Fox's strong and dependable nature as well as his intelligence.

"A lot of us alumni would consider him a father figure and a role model," Fleming said. "His death is a terrible loss to the department and we all miss him."

Fox's genuine personality touched many people during his lifetime. His positive attitude influenced the people around him.

Co-worker Paul Wallace is one of many who were impacted by Fox's radiant qualities. "He was always gracious and kind to everyone he interacted with," Wallace said.

Lynn Fox will forever be remembered for his friendship, kindness, dedication and, most importantly, his optimistic nature of life.

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Westminster College Titan Marching Band bass drum line

Julie Maryan, Allison Henley, Sarah Girard, and Jennie Smith pose at the Lawrence County Band Festival Sept. 13. See Page A-4 for more information.

Praying for peace

Students to gather for annual See You at the Pole Day

By Jessica Davis
Campus Writer

Students on campus will gather around the flagpole for prayer on September 27 at 11:40 a.m.

See You at the Pole (SYATP) is a student-organized and initiated event in which students gather to pray together on the fourth Wednesday of September. Students of any age can participate, as can adults.

Although there are no sponsors for SYATP, religious clubs or organizations often include this event as an "official activity." There are also hundreds of church denominations and nonprofit ministries which help to support and promote SYATP. Our campus Chapel staff is responsible for organizing this year's SYATP. Junior Deborah Ward and Sophomore Bethany Olsen helped to coordinate the event. This year's theme is "be still and know that I am God."

"See You at the Pole is a time for students to gather and pray for students, faculty, the nation, and the world," Ward said.

According to www.syatp.com, the history of this event is profound and proves that God reaches out to the youth.

SYATP originated in 1990, when a group of teenagers on a weekend retreat in Burleson, Texas were compelled to drive to three local schools and pray around the flag poles. Later that year, the idea was presented to 20,000 students at an arena in Dallas, Texas. A few months following this event, youth ministers throughout the United States met for a national conference in Colorado and reported that many teenagers had heard of SYATP and wished to participate. One million students gathered around their school flag poles in 1991.

"See You at the Pole has grown over the past few years," Reverend James Mohr, campus chaplain, commented.

The number of students responding to SYATP has increased dramatically since 1990, according to www.syatp.com.

Presently, more than three million students in the United States take part in SYATP. Students in more than 20 countries have been involved. Teenagers in Canada, Guam, Korea, Japan, Turkey, and Germany have gathered around their school flag poles to sing, read scripture, and pray.

"See You at the Pole was designed to offer prayers for the nation, prayers for peace," Mohr said.

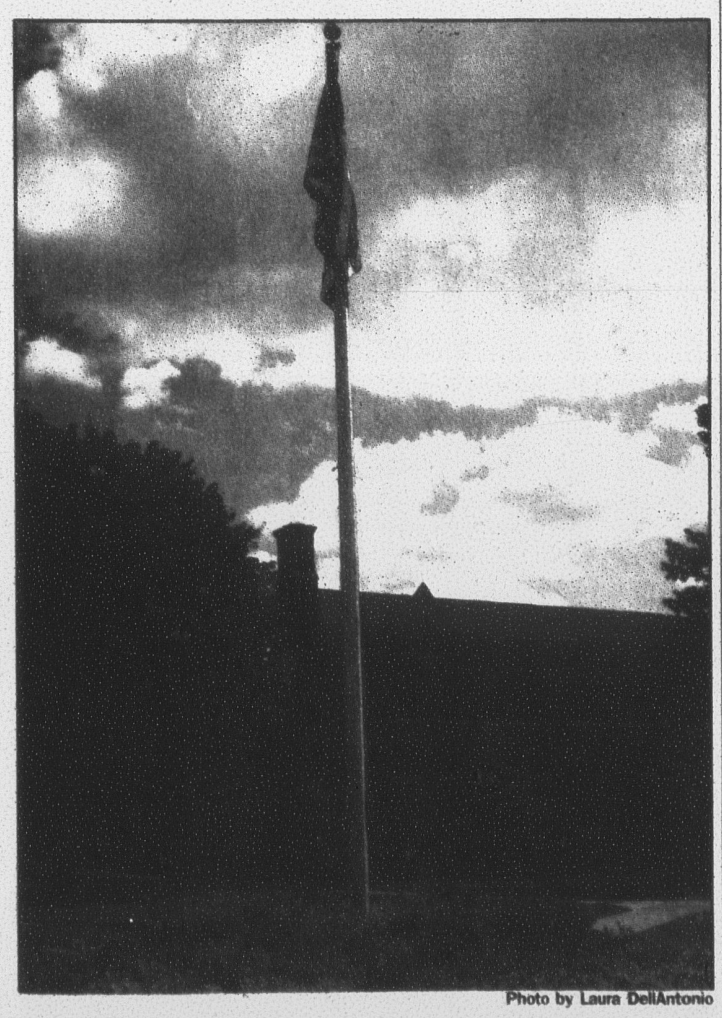

Photo by Laura DelliAntonio

See You At The Pole has taken place since 1991.

A friend in need

Students unite to help an alumnus with Alzheimer's

By Katie Frantz
Campus Writer

The members of Sigma Kappa Sorority, Sigma Nu fraternity and the swim team are joining forces to support Alzheimer's patient, Richard J. Sentner.

A Westminster and Sigma Nu alumni, Sentner was a four-year letter winner, a member of the Student Government Association, NAIA All-American diver, and a co-captain of the swim team in his senior year.

Sentner was a top salesman at the Pennysaver upon his graduation in 1991 and went on to develop an honest businessman reputation at US Healthcare in 1996 within the insurance industry.

Sentner, who has a wife, Erinn, and two young children, Anna and Evan, was diagnosed at 36 with Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease. No cure has been found for this progressive disorder and less than 10% of Alzheimer's patients are between the ages of 30 and 50.

As a result of this life-changing disease, Sentner has been unable to work for the past 18 months as his condition has steadily worsened. He and his wife realized that they would need the help from people outside their immediate family and friends. This is when the Westminster family came to the rescue.

Sigma Nu members and the swim team have already begun to help raise money for Sentner. During the summer, swim Coach Robert Klamut found that Sentner was ill and contacted Lee Knight, Sigma Nu brother and a Westminster swimmer, to help generate some ideas of how to help the family.

A letter was written and sent to swim team alumni and friends and provided Sentner's address and phone number for cards and calls. Recipients were given the option of donating to the Rich Sentner Family Fund. Notification of a fall golf fundraiser dubbed "Swing 4 Sentner" sponsored by a brother, Pat Sentner, the fraternity and the swim team, was included.

Friday, September 8, has been one of the best days of the Sentner family's lives since the onset of his condition. Swig 4 Sentner: The Rich Sentner Family Golf Outing took place at Montour Heights Country Club and thousands of dollars were raised not only to help the Sentner family but the Alzheimer's Research Trust.

Knight, who talked with Sentner at the dinner, said, "He is a great guy with a great spirit. This is a really unfortunate situation. We are very much looking forward to helping him and his family in any way that we can."

Klamut, who coached Sentner throughout his collegiate diving career, said he has always respected his efforts. "He had an excellent work ethic and a fun, unique sense of humor that kept everyone smiling. He was just one of those people who was always smiling, never a frowning face. He had such a great perspective on life."

Cici's Pizza in Union, Pa. will be helping the family. Every Friday in October will be "Rich Sentner Day". Everyone who purchases something there will automatically be donating 10% of the cost towards Sentner. Klamut and Knight along with Sigma Nu, Sigma Kappa and the swim team are brainstorming for more ideas to help.

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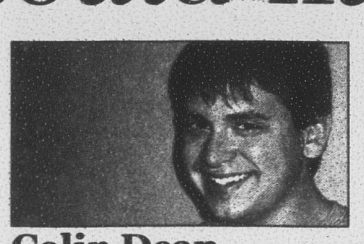
Opinion

Things that *should* happen, part II



Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

[Ed. note: The second in a two part series. Read the first part in the Sept. 15 edition at www.theholcad.com.]

During the summer and the first few days of school, I brainstormed a bit and came up with a list of things, a list I call "Things that should happen this year."

Note that I don't mean will or won't or could or couldn't, but should. The basic elements of these things are already in place; someone, be it a student, administrator or staff/faculty member, should make these things happen.

New majors and minors

Westminster is a very athletic school, as I believe I can safely estimate that more than half of the school is somehow involved in athletics. Our broadcast communications department is incredible and covers sports events throughout the year. A sports communication major/minor program would attract more students to the college, hopefully taking advantage of ESPN SportsCenter's demographic.

The writing minor builds for students a healthy creative writing background as well as a hard, factual, journalism background. However, students and faculty should take this a step further, combining broadcast communications with writing to form a journalism minor. Having been on the staff of *The Holcad* for three years now, I've seen the number of students interested in a journalism program (myself included) who have had to settle for a writing program aimed more at creative writing.

Riding on the headlines of modern news, Westminster should implement a middle-eastern studies minor. Sophomore history major Chris Stone has geared his education toward this, taking private lessons in spoken and written Arabic and planning to spend a semester abroad in Cairo, Egypt in the spring. According to the FBI, Arabic and Hebrew are two of the languages of which the federal government needs more translators.

While the sports communication and journalism programs shouldn't require additional faculty, middle-eastern studies may.

I know I would take Arabic if it was available.

Additional languages

Westminster eliminated its German language program a few years ago by deciding to abolish the German major for incoming students. Current students, such as senior Jen Britton, were allowed to continue their education, as they were guaranteed that the program would continue. Other students, however, left when the major was terminated, fearing that the quality of the program would quickly diminish, if not disappear entirely.

Languages are an essential part of a liberal arts education, thus the requirement of secondary language proficiency as part of the Westminster Plan, a.k.a. the "intellectual perspectives" part of the curriculum.

Currently, Westminster offers Spanish, French, and Latin, and students can take and transfer in credits from other schools if they wish to take other languages. The addition, or return, of another language program would provide for the continued expansion of the modern languages department and the liberal arts.

What language, though?

German is excellent–we've had it before. However, the lack of interest–along with a professor's retirement–killed the program. Russian is neat, as are the many Scandinavian languages. Japanese and Chinese are crucial for businesspeople who want to work in the technology industry.

However, what about a language I mentioned previously: Arabic. It's in demand because of the rising importance of the middle-east. Combine that language program with a few middle-eastern history classes, some business classes and a desert survival physical education class and the college picks up a middle-eastern studies program.

College donates to creators of free software

Two programs on the TitanNET Self-Connect Kit CD are offered by folks not looking to earn a profit on their product–they offer it for free, hoping that someone will donate a buck or two to help pay the bills.

The first is Spybot: Search and Destroy, a spyware removal program. It is maintained by a small Irish company called Safer Networking, Limited. Patrick Kolla, creator of Spybot, believes in free software and the goodwill of people who use his product.

"Not many people donate, but those who do give enough to keep up the operation," Kolla said in a February 2004 interview with PC World magazine. "It's simply a very good feeling to help people without having money as the primary reason."

The second is Mozilla Firefox, a web browser. Firefox is supported by the Mozilla Foundation and is offered free-of-charge under an "open source" license, which means that anyone can download the source code of the program, modify it, fix it, customize it–make any changes he or she wants–and use it. If this person decides to sell his or her modified version, he or she must also release the source to their version. Why? It's a part of the terms of the license.

Both of these programs are offered as free software, a philosophical choice that can be self-sacrificial unless the users of the software donate to the author. The donation is not mandatory, nor is it obligatory.

The college has offered these programs to its students and staff for a number of years–it should do its part to help ensure that the authors of these wonderful programs are not financially burdened so that they can continue to develop the programs, and so that the college can continue to offer the programs to its students and staff.

College decreases use of proprietary software

Mozilla Firefox, the free web browser program I mentioned previously, is–or at least was–on all of the computer lab computers throughout the campus, and many students and faculty have downloaded it and used it of their own accord.

However, what if I told you that there was a suite of programs comparable to Microsoft Office; a suite just as powerful for most tasks; a suite based on highly publicized and accepted standards; a suite that doesn't cost a dime?

It's called OpenOffice.org, and it's sponsored by Sun Microsystems, the same company that provides Java, the software that a lot of web-based games use and the software that many modern programs use to make coding easier.

OO.o (its arguably unpronounceable abbreviation) has a Word equivalent called Writer, an Excel equivalent called Calc, an Access equivalent called Base and a Powerpoint equivalent called Impress. In fact, this article was typed using Writer.

The college doesn't need to immediately start pushing OpenOffice.org to faculty and students, but it should make the suite available on college-owned computers so that faculty and students can use a free alternative to the overpriced Microsoft Office suite.

Interested readers can download the program at www.openoffice.org. The Holcad has been using it for three years and has yet to encounter any problems with it.

Another free program like OO.o is The GIMP, the GNU Image Manipulation program. It's almost as powerful as Adobe Photoshop. Download it at www.gimp.org.

Colin is a senior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. He speaks beginner level Esperanto and donates to free software.

Notification: a commonly forgotten, yet greatly appreciated courtesy

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Monday morning… the birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and I awake early to get a good start to the week. Stumbling into the shower, I am greeted with a nice blast of frigid water, which tapers off until there is no water at all.

This week, the physical plant replaced a hot water tank in Eich. It was a very welcome change, as we have all had one too many cold showers.

What wasn't welcome, however, was the lack of hot water at 8:30 a.m.

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the physical plant, and the fact that they do more work by the time I wake up than I will do all day. I don't appreciate the lack of emails, however.

How hard is it to dash of a quick, two-line email along the lines of: "The hot water tank in Eich south will be replaced at…"

The physical plant is not the only department on campus which neglects to inform students of goings-on, either. Take, for example, the death of the German major or the nebulous state of parking on campus.

Every day we face a constant barrage of emails concerning extracurricular activities, speakers, interest groups, and the like. We rarely hear about anything else, likely as a direct result.

I guess it's a trade-off. I get to delete 10 emails a day from groups that I have no interest in so that I can wake up to a cold shower and a parking ticket. Come to think of it, that isn't a trade-off at all.

I would rather delete 14 emails and know to shower before I go to bed or 20 emails and know that I need to move my car out of the yellow tag areas and into the overflow lot.

Sure, it's our responsibility to monitor campus changes that affect our day-to-day lives, but it could be easier. "I didn't know" ceases to be an excuse when there is evidence that an email was deleted.

On this subject, I would like to offer an apology to certain individuals on campus. My thirst for information led me to cross paths with a group which had reasons to not inform the campus of certain issues. I spoke out of line, and should have taken a more professional approach.

Perhaps more emails would have made that unfortunate discourse less of an ordeal.

Bill is a senior computer information systems major. He enjoys tea, ska, cheesy science fiction and napping at inopportune moments.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is Diversity? Alumni misunderstand broad term

Am I the only one tired of hearing former students constantly complain about diversity? Along with that, there seems to be a constant slander of the YPS program by these same graduates, so I was thinking it would be appropriate to take a look at what diversity really is. Having diversity does not mean that there are a bunch of kids on campus with darker skin than I. After all, the pigments in my skin or the skin of another tell nothing about our characters or personalities. If, for example, you took an African American that I graduated high school with at Plum and compared them to me you would see surprisingly few differences in how we acted and thought. We would be from the same hometown and have a similar social and economic background. Our main difference would be in the way we looked. However, if you were to compare me to a white kid from the Hill District, New York, Texas, or Ireland to name a few places you would see a great deal of diversity between the two of us even in the absence of having different skin pigments. Some would say that geographic diversity is not real diversity, but after working at a summer camp the past several summers with several counselors from various European countries and Australia I strongly disagree. The plethora of ideas that these individuals brought with them could not have been duplicated by filling those slots with American ethnic minorities, and the YPS program gives Westminster much of its geographic diversity. As for religious diversity on campus, Westminster College is a Presbyterian college, located in a state and country that were founded upon Judeo-Christian principles. Therefore, promoting Christianity and Presbyterianism instead of pushing for more Muslim students should continue to be a goal of the college. One other thought I have is that it should not be a surprise that most students at Westminster are white. Most of our students come from western PA or eastern OH both of which are predominately white areas of America. Lawrence and the surrounding counties range from 92.5% to 97.8% white according to the 2000 census. Therefore, saying Westminster College is not racially representative of the real world is a complete fallacy.

Kevin Oshnock
Senior

Overlooked fee raises TUB overall prices for students

I have a few comments regarding the article "TUB Prices on the Rise" published in the September 15th issue of the Holcad. The author proceeded to compare the TUB prices to those of local restaurants, but one major component was still missing – the dining service facilities fee.

As I have calculated, those students with 1,000 dine dollars are actually paying 55% more than the advertised prices. This additional fee increases drastically for students with smaller meal plans: the 850 plan pays 65% more, 750 pays 73%, and the Berlin Village 500 pays 82%. The quoted $3.80 sub actually costs up to $6.92, depending on which meal plan you have. The Westminster College dining services website does not even present the correct total cost to the students – $850 in dine dollars plus the $550 fee does not add up to $1,350 (as of September 15th)!

Additionally, any commuting student without a meal plan can purchase food items in the tub at the cash price. This is 61% cheaper than what I would pay! While I do not disagree with the college professors' benefit of no dining facilities fee, I do believe that high overhead costs for our low quality food need to be reevaluated. Exorbitant costs aside, I have already been charged more than the posted prices three times this year for items purchased in the TUB. Upon asking one of the workers why this was occurring, she had no explanation.

As a Berlin Village resident, I would prefer to spend time preparing my own meals, yet college regulations have prevented me from doing so. I have already spoken with the vice president of finance and management services on a few of these matters. So without the option to eliminate your meal plan, I strongly encourage all students to investigate exactly how your money is being spent by the college dining services. Could utilizing more work study students result in lower costs to you?

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More letters on Page B-3

Learning From McDonough's Lecture

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REGIONAL

MySpace vandalism

27 arrested for vandalism in MySpace-aided graffiti bust

BENSALEM, Pa. (AP) - Detectives posing as graffiti artists on the MySpace social networking Web site tagged 27 suspects believed to be responsible for more than 1,500 acts of vandalism.

Undercover police posed as taggers on the Web site during the four-month investigation, befriending vandals who bragged about their work, Bensalem Township police said Wednesday. Some of the alleged vandals even shared photos of their work with the officers on the site.

There were a total 67 victims and 34 different graffiti signatures were used.

The suspects, all but three of them juveniles, face criminal mischief charges that range in severity from felony to summary offenses. Damage is estimated at $100,000.

Names of the suspects were not immediately released.

NATIONAL

Kidnapped baby found alive

Charges could be filed soon in infant abduction; family expresses joy, relief

UNION, Mo. (AP) - Reunited with her kidnapped newborn, Stephenie Ochsenbine cradled her daughter Wednesday and told a national TV audience she couldn't describe the feeling.

"The last several days have been draining, just exhausting. But I can handle anything now," the 21-year-old woman said on NBC's "Today" show, her neck bandaged after her throat was slashed during Friday's abduction.

Asked what it was like to have her baby, Abby, back in her arms, she replied: "It's indescribable."

"She belongs with me," Ochsenbine told MSNBC. "We're doing great now, we're whole again and she's very content, actually. Said father James Woods: "I just wanted to hug her."

Investigators said Shannon Beck was arrested Tuesday after her sister-in-law, Dorothy Torrez, contacted authorities. Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toelke said Beck had recently miscarried a full-term fetus.

"She's the hero," Toelke said of Torrez. "She's the one that made it happen."

Torrez became suspicious when she noticed makeup on the forehead of the baby her sister-in-law was claiming to have delivered a few days earlier.

She rubbed off the makeup and found a strawberry-red birthmark that matched the description provided by investigators who had been searching for the baby.

Torrez contacted police, and hours later a healthy 11-day-old Abigale Lynn Woods was reunited with her parents. Beck was taken into custody and remained in the county jail Wednesday.

The sheriff's office said charges would likely be filed against Beck by late Wednesday, though the specific charges were not disclosed.

A phone message left at the Beck home in Lonedell on Wednesday morning was not immediately returned.

Ochsenbine told police Friday a woman entered her rural home, attacked her with a knife and stole the baby, who was a week old at the time.

That's the same day that officials believe Beck's own full-term pregnancy ended in a miscarriage.

During the search for Abby, investigators had profiled the abductor as someone who had a child die recently or as someone who could not have children.

Beck lives just a few miles from Ochsenbine's home near Lonedell, FBI Special Agent Roland Corvington said.

Beck told Torrez on Sunday that she had given birth, the FBI agent said. Visiting Beck the next day, Torrez persuaded her sister-in-law to take the baby to see a doctor, and on Tuesday Torrez went with Beck to St. Louis for that doctor's visit.

That's when she discovered the birthmark and confronted Beck, who gave her the baby. Abby was handed over to authorities at about 5 p.m.

"An outstanding ending, obviously," Toelke said. "You talk about a lead breaking the case, and this was it."

Health care officials said it appears Abby had been well cared for since she was taken.

The small rural eastern Missouri communities near where Abby was abducted celebrated her safe return. The clerks at a convenience store in St. Clair drew a cardboard sign that said "Welcome home Abby."

"We were upset and now we're excited and we can't even concentrate," clerk Debbie Young said.

Regina Hampson of Lonedell, manager of the only gas station in town said residents were rejoicing. "It was a tear-jerking time for the whole town."

Professor bans jeans, T-shirts; students need suit, tie in some classes

REXBURG, Idaho (AP) - A Brigham Young University-Idaho history professor has barred students from wearing jeans and T-shirts in his medieval history classes and requires students in higher-level classes to wear business attire.

"A university is preparation for the real world," history professor Ryan Crisp told the Post Register. "To teach students to think and act at a professional level."

In his 200- and 300-level courses, Crisp requires his students to wear business casual: khaki pants, sweaters, skirts and collared shirts.

Students in his 400-level class must wear formal business attire _ suits and ties or dresses.

A professor at Boise State University says the policy only burdens students already on tight budgets.

"It's difficult enough for students to afford their college education without requiring them to wear special clothing to class," said Lynn Lubamersky of BSU's history department. "You can learn history while wearing flip-flops, jeans, T-shirts."

BYU-Idaho, which is owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, already has a dress code that bans shorts, facial hair, body piercings, flip-flops and sexually suggestive clothing. Students who don't adhere to the code can be suspended.

Crisp's requirements go beyond the school's dress code.

"Anyone with a university education should expect to dress appropriately," he said.

One of his students, freshman Robert Harvey, chafed at first under Crisp's dress code.

"I thought, 'This is college, they shouldn't tell us what to wear,'" he said.

But he changed his mind after wearing business casual attire to Crisp's History 306 class, and hearing Crisp's explanation of how poor students during medieval times shared cloaks to be able to attend class.

"I like it because it takes more effort," Harvey said.

That might carry over into the work world, said Steve Karstad of Idaho Commerce and Labor.

"Dressing up a little shows effort and care," Karstad said.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Shenango Football Spy Scandal

The WPIAL is applauding this week's decision by the Shenango School District to ban the father of the high school's quarterback from the next two home games.

Shenango school officials say Frank Colavecchia can't attend Shenango's next two home football games because he was caught spying on another team's practice.

They say Colavecchia lied to Mars High School officials when he showed up to videotape their practice last week. They say the Shenango star quarterback's dad claimed he was a university football scout. When he tried to give the video of that practice to Shenango's football team the coach there turned him in.

WPIAL executive director Tim O'Malley says they don't have any written rules against spying on another team, so they can't take any action against the dad. He also says it doesn't make a lot of sense since teams already swap game films.

O'Malley agrees the school district did the right thing by banning this spying father from the next two home games so he'll learn his lesson.

INTERNATIONAL

Chavez: Bush is 'the devil'

Venezuelan president speaks at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez took his verbal battle with the United States to the floor of the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday, calling President Bush "the devil."

"The devil came here yesterday," Chavez said, referring to Bush's address Tuesday. "He came here talking as if he were the owner of the world."

The leftist leader, who has joined Iran in opposing U.S. influence, accused Washington of "domination, exploitation and pillage of peoples of the world."

"We appeal to the people of the United States and the world to halt this threat, which is like a sword hanging over our head," he said.

He also said the U.N. "doesn't work" in its current system and is "antidemocratic." He called for reform, saying the U.S. government's "immoral veto" had allowed recent Israeli bombings of Lebanon to continue unabated for more than a month.

"Venezuela once again proposes today that we reform the United Nations," he said. He drew tentative giggles at times from the audience, but also some applause when called U.S. "imperialism" a menace.

Chavez lambasted Washington for trying to block Venezuela's campaign for a rotating seat on the U.N. Security Council. He said if chosen over U.S.-favorite Guatemala in a secret-ballot U.N. vote next month, Venezuela would be "the voice of the Third World."

The U.S. government warns that Chavez, a close ally of Iran, Syria and Cuba, would be a disruptive force on the council.

Political Pong: Extremism in America

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Think back to your last Christmas meal where you sat down with your huge 30-person family. Surely, someone in that group brought up politics. It never fails.

Now, your mom's family is from the northeast part of the country and naturally believes that Democrats should rule the world. Your dad's family, of course, is from Texas and would love nothing more than to see every Democrat be executed. Did you catch it? My statement right there was an example of extremism. Most Republicans do not want every Democrat executed; they would be satisfied with half of all Democrats dead. I am just kidding, but this does serve as a good example of extremism.

It's a simple fact; every political party has its extremists, some more than others. Do they benefit the party more than they hurt them? Do they even serve a purpose at all?

It would be nonsense to say that extremists do not serve a purpose, but I will argue that they actually benefit the party more than they hurt it. Personally, I probably don't believe it, but I'm a team player and this is political pong. What fun would it be if Carsen and I agreed?

Let's start with Howard Dean. Everyone remembers him. He was the front runner in the 2004 Democratic presidential primary until his infamous speech where he screamed "YEEEEAAAAHHH!" From that moment on, he became viewed as an extremist and soon started performing poorly in the primaries. Eventually, he dropped out of the race.

Obviously, this puts extremism into a bad light, right?

Not so fast there doubtful reader.

If you examine the reason that Howard Dean performed his "extreme act", you would find that he was actually only trying to energize the crowd. Actually, his "extreme act" was only part of what hurt his campaign. It was the combination of the act and the negative media coverage that truly ruined his chances.

Extremists are important because they do have the power to get the base of the party excited. I may not be a professional when it comes to elections, but if the party base isn't excited about voting, the chances of that party's candidate winning the election are not so good.

Despite his extreme actions and views, Dean was chosen to be the Democratic National Committee's chair. To me, this doesn't seem like the extremist is bringing the party down.

Another good example of someone who has extreme views in the Democratic Party is Rev. Al Sharpton.

During the 2004 election, he admitted that his views were a little different than those of the other candidates. "Different," I guess, is the nice way of saying "more extreme." This is not bad, however, because extreme candidates tend to represent the core values of a political party to the highest degree.

Presidential elections cause the parties to move toward the center; however, extremists stick to their guns and maintain far left or far right views. The balance between the extremists and the moderate candidates is crucial in keeping the party together. Voters who see no backbone in their party are less likely to vote for their party's candidate. Having a candidate who is too weak on core issues will cause those extreme voters to feel apathetic.

Overall, politicians with extreme views do not benefit the party just by having their views. It is the impact that they make on the variety of voters that exist in the United States that will ultimately benefit or harm the party.

As a side note, I promised to be funny twice per article, and so far I have probably not met that goal. So I shall end with a Craig Kilborn joke that ties into today's article.

"Over and over, Howard Dean reiterated he never kowtow to special interest groups like, say voters."

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

Think "extremist."

What's the first thing that comes to mind? Nazis? Islamic terrorists? PETA?

Take that extreme thought and place feelings with it. Do you feel warm and fuzzy? Do you see teddy bears and cuddly bunnies and children frolicking in fields?

I didn't think so. You probably see what I do: groups taking their views way too far, causing turmoil and violence in their target area.

Every group has their own hardcore side. Political parties are no exception. Most groups can keep their wackos in check. Our crazy counterparts manage to find their way right in the spotlight. People love watching the extreme in politics; moderation becomes so mundane.

While they reinforce some of the more important principles of the party and help bring public attention to major issues, those on the far left or right have a negative impact on the national party as a whole. Because of the actions of the few, the ideology and views of the many become publicly skewed and distorted. Reputation and image suffers horribly when these players screw up the game.

"But Carsen," you may ask, "are there conservative extremists? I, your lovely reader, can think of plenty of liberal nutjobs, but isn't it against the nature of the conservative to be extreme?"

I know it's difficult to imagine crazy conservatives – outside the bible belt, of course.

Just one name should clear your confusion: Rush Limbaugh.

The radio host said the following about conservatism in an opened piece: "I love being a conservative. We conservatives are proud of our philosophy. Unlike our liberal friends, who are constantly looking for new words to conceal their true beliefs and are in a perpetual state of reinvention, we conservatives are unapologetic about our ideals."

Unapologetic is right. Rush is a boisterous voice for conservatives everywhere. Some claim that talk radio is a more conservative media venue.

Limbaugh's show is a prime example of such bias. He combats his critics by saying that he balances out our liberal television news. He'll bump up liberal callers to the front of the call line to make sure their opinions are heard – and then he'll tear those opinions apart. Limbaugh makes no excuses; he knows he's biased and goes to town with it. He's satirical and sometimes downright mean.

Limbaugh is an important voice in conservative politics. But he also turns moderates away from the party with his strong opinions and rowdy way of displaying them. And that's not positive for party numbers or for easing party opposition.

Need another example?

Bill O'Reilly, host of *The O'Reilly Factor*. O'Reilly doesn't call himself a conservative. He'd rather go by independent, populist, or traditionalist. In fact, some of his views aren't conservative. He is an avid supporter of gun control.

Some of his other views, however, are quite the contrary.

O'Reilly says the ACLU is the most dangerous organization in the United States. He supported federal intervention in the Terry Schiavo case. He's against prostitution because he thinks prostitutes are lazy. He doesn't want to see job security or entitlement programs increase because ambition to seek jobs will decrease.

According to O'Reilly, the Democratic Party has been "hijacked by the left and can't really persuade anybody."

He's not quiet about these views, either. The O'Reilly Factor is known for its unapologetically biased comments.

Just like Limbaugh, O'Reilly turns the less extreme away. While he may claim not to be conservative, most viewers don't believe that claim, and the party at large catches slack for his comments.

Republicans in the United States have a hard enough time gaining support without extremists in the party. I'm not saying we can just get rid of them–that is impossible.

Extreme views are a staple of our culture.

But helping them tone down a bit? Sounds absolutely stellar to me.

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Campus News

Overcoming immense adversity

TUB employee faces loss, two bouts with deadly disease, finds love in recovery

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

"What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger" is a common phrase of motivation people turn to during tough situations.

TUB employee Gale Hassell knows this phrase all too well, as she has had to come out on the stronger end of life's most trying situations.

August 14, 1995 started out as just a normal day for Hassell, whose last name was Davidson at the time. She was working as a dietician for the state WIC program when she received the ever-ominous call saying that her husband, Tom Davidson had suffered a heart attack.

"I didn't think he would die from it," Hassell said.

Though unexpectedly, the attack turned out to be more severe than anyone thought and Davidson died as a result.

"I never thought I would lose my husband. When he died, I died inside," Hassell said.

Hassell received endless support from her friends and family, including her four children: son, Tom, and daughters, Lynne, Trisha, and Jeanie. In October of 1995, while still grieving the loss of her husband, Hassell was diagnosed with breast cancer. She then started the grueling chemotherapy process and continued with it until January when she had a one-of-a-kind reaction to the treatments.

"I was the only person that the doctors had ever known of to have this kind of reaction," Hassell said.

According to Hassell, she had a terrible headache one day that turned out to be clogged, swollen veins in her head, causing her to be life-flighted to receive emergency care. As a result of the odd incident, Hassell suffered a great deal of long-term memory damage.

Shortly after her recovery from the breast cancer and its complications, Hassell was delivered yet another blow when she was told she had ovarian cancer and that it would require even more medical treatments and operations. At this point, she was ready to give up.

"I actually made my own funeral arrangements and told my kids not to be sad because I would be in a better place," Hassell admitted.

Hasell went into her operation expecting not to wake up. But she did. After she woke up, she felt renewed, and she feels an experience with God during her operation gave her a chance to rebuild by wiping her slate clean and offering her a second chance at life.

"I had to re-learn everything," Hassell said. "I didn't know how to walk or talk; I didn't even know my kid's names, but I know that God gave me a second chance."

Hassell's children all left their college careers behind to help their mother to recover. Several years, close calls, medical treatments, and learning experiences later, Hassell is on her way to a full recovery.

In 2003, Hassell's story took another unexpected twist when she met Doug Hassell. Coincidentally, his wife had also died of a heart attack and he was enduring the same grieving process. The two became friends and quickly discovered that they filled a lot of the gaps their losses and life experiences had left them with. They decided to marry in 2003.

"Love is a gift from God and I was lucky enough to find it once, but twice is really just amazing," Hassell said.

Today, Hassell is on her way to a full recovery. Although she still has some long-term memory problems, she is able to work at the TUB, usually making subs through the busy lunch hour. She has come out of her trying experiences not with regret, pity, and sadness, but with absolute optimism and a renewed outlook on life. She truly believes that God was the driving force in her experiences and that each incident by itself would not have had the same effect. However, the coincidental chain of events gave her the chance to have the joyous life that she has today

"God had an obvious effect on my life," Hassell said. I took things for granted before, but now I appreciate everything."

Hassell emphasized that she does not feel sorry for herself for having to live through her experiences and does not want others to pity her either. She is truly happy with her new husband, new job, and new life. She only hopes that others, having gone through the same experiences, can find the same joy in their lives.

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

"I hope to write a book someday, or even become a public speaker," Hassell said. "I want to share my experience with other people because it is truly unique and wonderful."

Peace studies coffeehouse opens with discussion of Lebanon war

Photo by Katie Chandley

The Peace studies coffeehouse meets regularly in the student lounge.

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

The war in Lebanon was the topic of discussion at the first peace studies coffee house of the semester.

The guest speaker was Dr. Neil Diamant, an associate professor of political science and East Asian studies at Dickinson College, whose education on politics and personal connection to Israeli culture allowed him to discuss in-depth a war that is misunderstood by many.

Dr. Diamant, born in the U.S., has lived in Jerusalem and has served in the Israeli Armored Corps. He maintains dual citizenship in the United States and Israel.

As an expert in his field, Dr. Diamant helped students at the coffee house better understand the recent war in Lebanon and crisis in the Middle East.

Though he objectively described factors leading to the war, Diamant added his own analysis of the situation. Could the war in Lebanon have been avoided? "Yes" he stated, "but no one could know these things for sure."

He explained that there are three categories that must be considered when discussing factors that led to the war in Lebanon: global, regional, and domestic.

These factors are both broad and specific, such as the Arab world struggling to accept gender equality and technology and the lack of mature experience in the Israeli government.

Dr. Diamant does think that "things could have been different; Israel could have responded differently."

Though the whole situation may be confusing, students in attendance found Dr. Diamant's explanations and opinions informative and easy to process. Sophomore Megan Hoffman thought that "Dr. Daimant presented a very informative view about the war in Lebanon. His lecture helped me understand what is going on in the Middle East and why this is an ongoing issue."

Many students also had questions for Diamant and took advantage of his unique perspective due to his Israeli heritage.

Senior Rachel Eaton found it "interesting to hear Israel's perspective of America's position in the war" which Diamant described as "deluded."

Many Americans are asking if the fighting in the Middle East will ever end. Dr. Diamant addressed this concern and suggested that specific things need to happen.

First, the conflict with Palestine needs to be addressed, until all countries recognize Israel as a state.

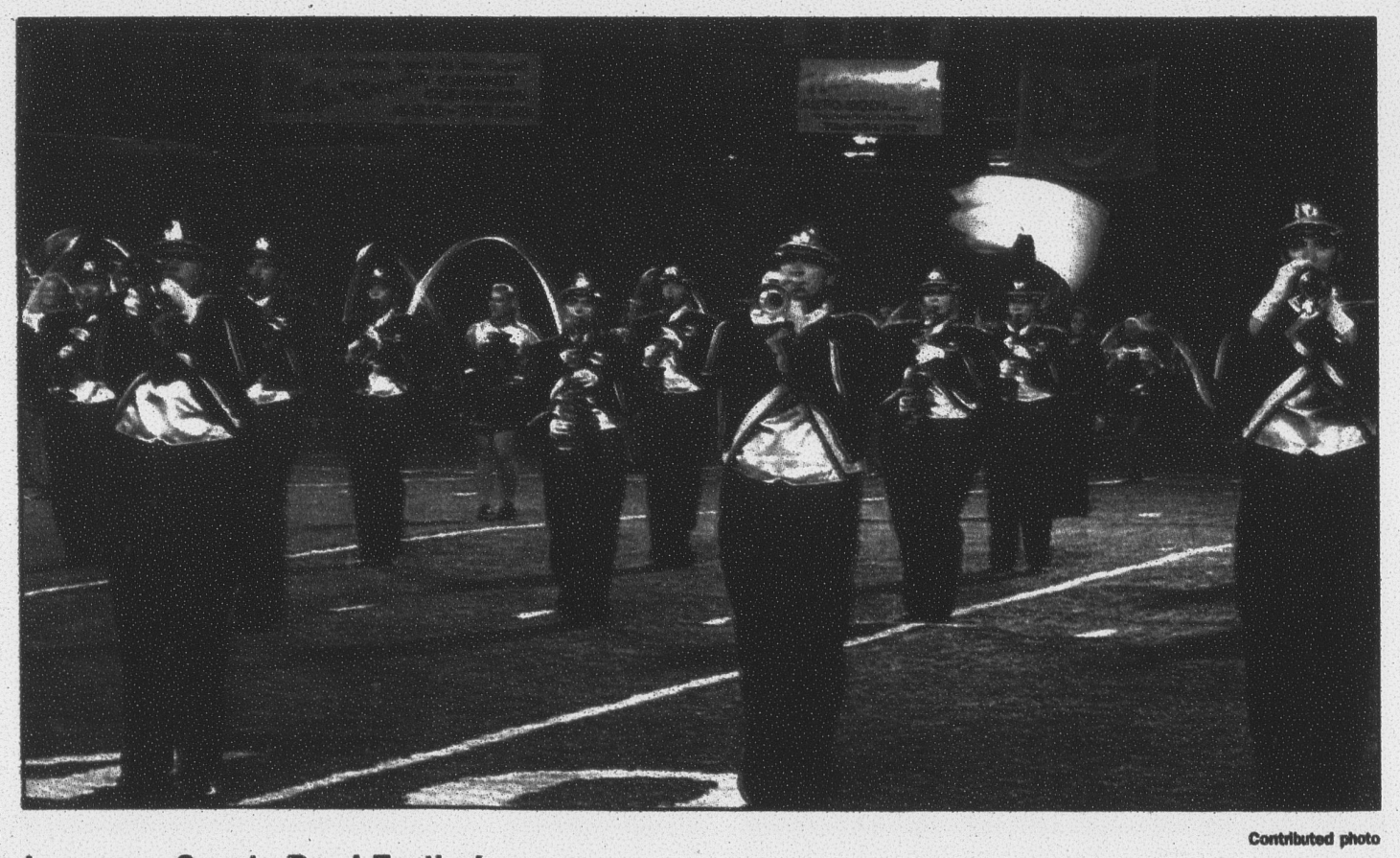
Also, the Lebanese government needs to be strengthened and the UN recognizes this. Finally, "world powers need to restrain Iran," Diamant said.

Both the wars in Iraq and Lebanon have boosted Iran's power, which must be recognized.

SGA NOTES

SGA Minutes 9-21-06

-Investigating the possibility of putting titan card swipers in local businesses.
-A nalgene bottle is now for sale in the TUB, the cost is $8.99. Refills for soda are $.50 and water is free.
-Shaun McNamara, Gabriel Ordonez and Lawunmi Lawani were elected to the senate to represent the senior class.
-Cory Mathias was elected to the senate to represent the sophomore class.
-$350 was allocated to PRSSA from the Grant Fund, no one opposed.
-Elena Infante was elected to represent SGA on the Curriculum Development Committee.
-Amy Perkins was elected to represent SGA on the Institutional Research Review Committee.
-$1100 was allocated from the Plant Fund to buy a college mascot costume
-Shot for the Cause, sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha, sign ups are taking place in the Tub.
-Saturday, September 23rd Cycle Percussion will be playing in Orr Auditorium at 8:00 pm.
-Pajama Jam fest will take place in the Berlin Lounge on October 7th.
-Sigma Phi Epsilon will be participating in Extreme Makeover Home Edition this Saturday in Ohio.



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Lawrence County Band Festival

The marching band performed Sept. 13 at Taggart Stadium in New Castle. The eight county bands combined at the close of the performance to play an arrangement of America the Beautiful. The resulting band had more than 1,000 members.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday						
High	High 76	High 73	High 60	High 63	High 64	High 64
Low	Low 62	Low 52	Low 44	Low 43	Low 41	Low 42
Chance of an afternoon shower	A couple of thunderstorms	A couple of thunderstorms	Cooler with a shower possible	Times of clouds and sun	An afternoon shower possible	Mostly cloudy

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:09 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
Saturday	7:10 a.m.	7:17 p.m.
Sunday	7:11 a.m.	7:16 p.m.
Monday	7:12 a.m.	7:14 p.m.
Tuesday	7:13 a.m.	7:12 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	7:12 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Saturday	8:12 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Sunday	9:13 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday	10:16 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Tuesday	11:21 a.m.	8:51 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 22	Sep 30	Oct 6	Oct 13

Weather History

On Sept. 22, 1890, a severe hailstorm hit Strawberry, Ariz. Five days later, hail still lay in drifts 12 to 18 inches deep.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	71	60	sh	76	61	t	70	48	pc	60	44	pc	63	45	pc
Butler, PA	70	59	pc	76	63	t	75	52	t	61	43	pc	65	43	pc
Cambridge, OH	70	61	t	78	64	t	75	51	pc	64	45	pc	66	45	pc
Canton, OH	73	61	sh	76	62	t	72	49	pc	60	44	pc	63	44	pc
Cincinnati, OH	72	65	t	78	64	t	70	50	pc	66	46	pc	70	48	s
Clarion, PA	66	57	pc	73	59	sh	73	51	t	56	43	c	60	42	pc
Clarksburg, WV	74	59	pc	81	62	t	78	54	t	66	46	pc	72	47	pc
Cleveland, OH	73	64	sh	78	64	t	70	53	pc	64	47	pc	64	47	s
Columbus, OH	70	64	t	77	63	t	74	51	pc	63	47	pc	66	47	s
Cumberland, MD	70	57	s	79	63	pc	79	55	t	66	45	pc	65	46	pc
Erie, PA	71	64	pc	76	62	sh	72	54	t	61	48	pc	62	48	pc
Franklin, PA	66	57	pc	73	59	sh	72	50	t	56	43	c	61	42	pc
Greensburg, PA	71	60	pc	79	62	t	77	54	t	61	46	pc	64	45	pc

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	71	61	pc	75	61	t	71	51	t	61	44	pc	63	43	pc
Grove City, PA	69	58	pc	75	61	t	73	51	t	60	43	pc	62	43	pc
Hagerstown, MD	72	59	pc	80	64	pc	82	57	t	67	48	pc	67	48	s
Indiana, PA	71	61	s	77	63	pc	78	57	t	61	47	pc	62	40	pc
Jamestown, NY	65	57	pc	71	57	sh	70	50	t	55	44	c	59	44	pc
Kittanning, PA	70	60	pc	77	64	sh	77	55	t	59	45	pc	65	43	pc
Lisbon, OH	70	62	pc	76	61	t	71	51	t	60	45	pc	63	44	pc
Mansfield, OH	72	62	sh	74	59	t	73	46	pc	60	44	pc	65	44	s
Marietta, OH	75	62	t	81	64	t	77	54	t	66	46	pc	68	46	s
McKeesport, PA	71	59	pc	79	62	t	76	53	t	64	46	pc	65	48	pc
Meadville, PA	70	60	pc	74	60	sh	70	50	t	58	45	pc	60	44	pc
Morgantown, WV	76	62	pc	80	64	t	76	56	t	66	45	pc	64	45	pc
New Castle, PA	70	62	pc	77	62	t	73	52	t	61	45	pc	63	43	pc

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Oil City, PA	66	58	pc	73	59	sh	73	51	t	57	43	c	62	43	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	71	58	pc	78	60	t	72	50	t	64	45	pc	64	45	pc
Sharon, PA	72	61	pc	75	61	t	71	52	t	59	44	pc	63	42	pc
Somerset, PA	70	57	s	73	60	pc	73	51	t	61	43	pc	61	45	pc
Steubenville, OH	71	62	pc	76	62	t	75	53	t	61	46	pc	63	45	pc
Uniontown, PA	75	61	pc	80	63	t	77	54	t	63	43	pc	65	44	pc
Warren, OH	71	61	pc	76	61	t	71	52	pc	60	44	pc	63	43	pc
Washington, PA	71	60	pc	79	62	t	76	50	t	62	41	pc	64	40	s
Waynesburg, PA	74	61	pc	79	63	t	76	53	t	62	44	pc	65	43	pc
Wheeling, WV	72	62	pc	76	62	t	75	53	t	61	46	pc	62	45	s
Youngstown, OH	72	61	pc	75	61	t	71	52	pc	61	44	pc	62	42	pc
Wooster, OH	71	59	sh	76	60	t	70	46	pc	60	43	pc	62	42	pc
Zanesville, OH	71	61	t	79	65	t	75	49	pc	62	45	pc	65	45	s

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Lady Titan kickers trounce Bearcats

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Sports writer

The women's soccer team suffered two heart-wrenching losses last weekend, but then was able to rebound with a home field win on Sept. 19 against St. Vincent.

The Lady Titans spent last weekend at Penn State Behrend for the Herb Lauffer Memorial Tournament. On Sept. 15, they fell on the losing end against host, Penn State Behrend, 1-0, after going into double overtime and playing almost 110 minutes of soccer. Senior forward Christa Andamasaris led the Lady Titans with four shots on goal, while freshman goalkeeper Lindsey Mellott recorded seven saves.

Sept. 16, the ladies battled undefeated Calvin College, who came out on top 2-0. The game was scoreless for a full 79 and ½ minutes of play until the Knights scored making it 1-0, and then again in the 88th minute closing out the game at 2-0. Recording two shots on goal each for the Titans were junior forward Mallory Bugel, senior forward Sarah Calderone and sophomore midfielder Abby Montgomery. Mellot was in goal making eight saves.

The Lady Titans faced Saint Vincent at home Sept. 19 where they shattered a four game losing streak by winning 5-2. Leading the Lady Titans was Bugel with two goals, Calderone, Montgomery, and freshman Lauren Graeser with one a piece. Assisting on the goals were Andamasaris, Calderone, freshman midfielder Michelle Latta-Maloney, and freshman midfieler Sara Park.

Andamasaris' assist brought her up to 20 career assists, which has only been accomplished by five other Lady Titans soccer players in the history of the program. Leading the team in shots on goal was sophomore midfielder Christina Adams. Mellott was in goal making three saves.

The Lady Titans, now 3-3-1, will face Waynesburg, away, at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30.

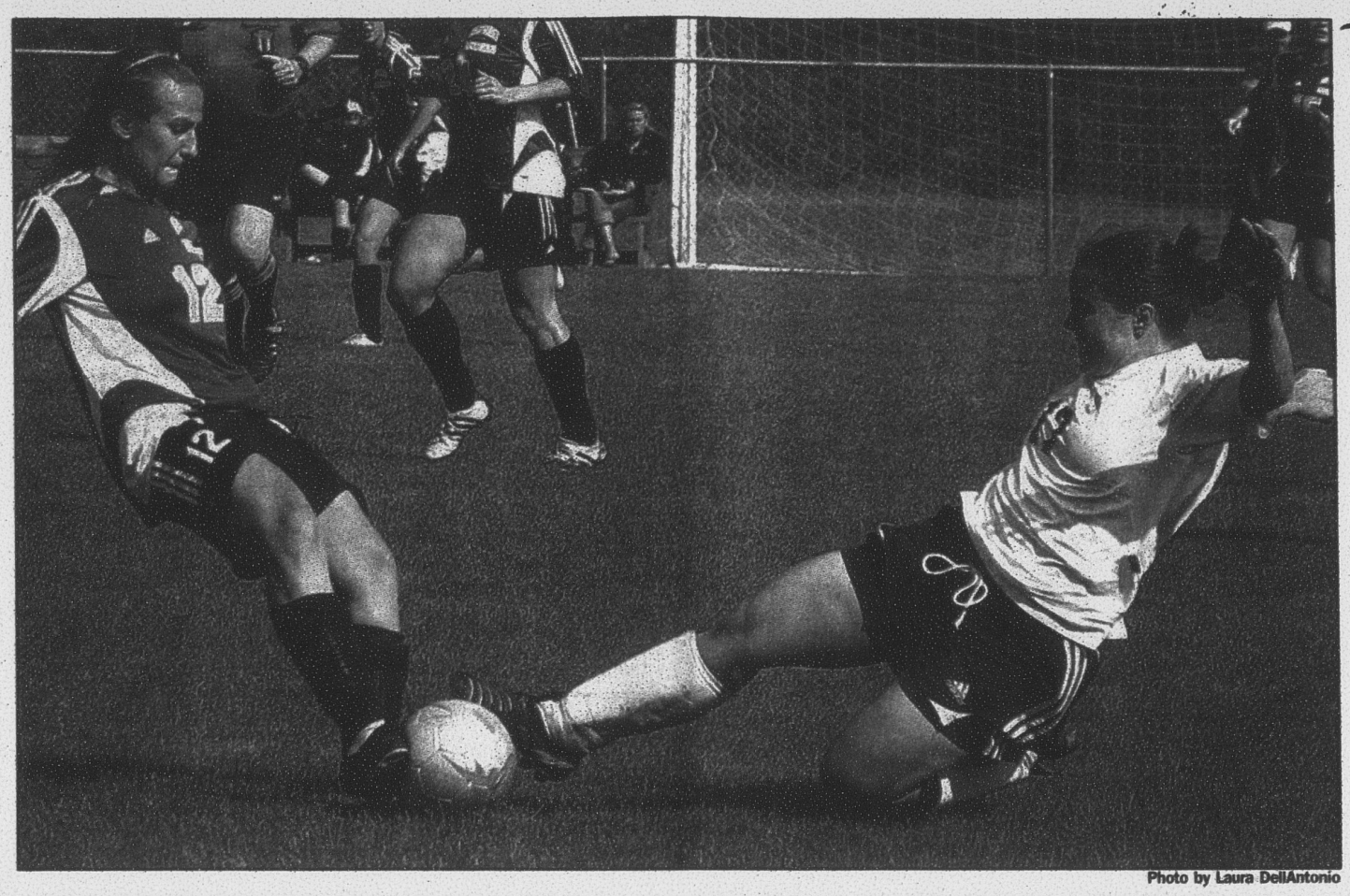


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior defender Anna Sparacino goes toe to toe in the Lady Titans 5-2 win over Saint Vincent on Tuesday afternoon.

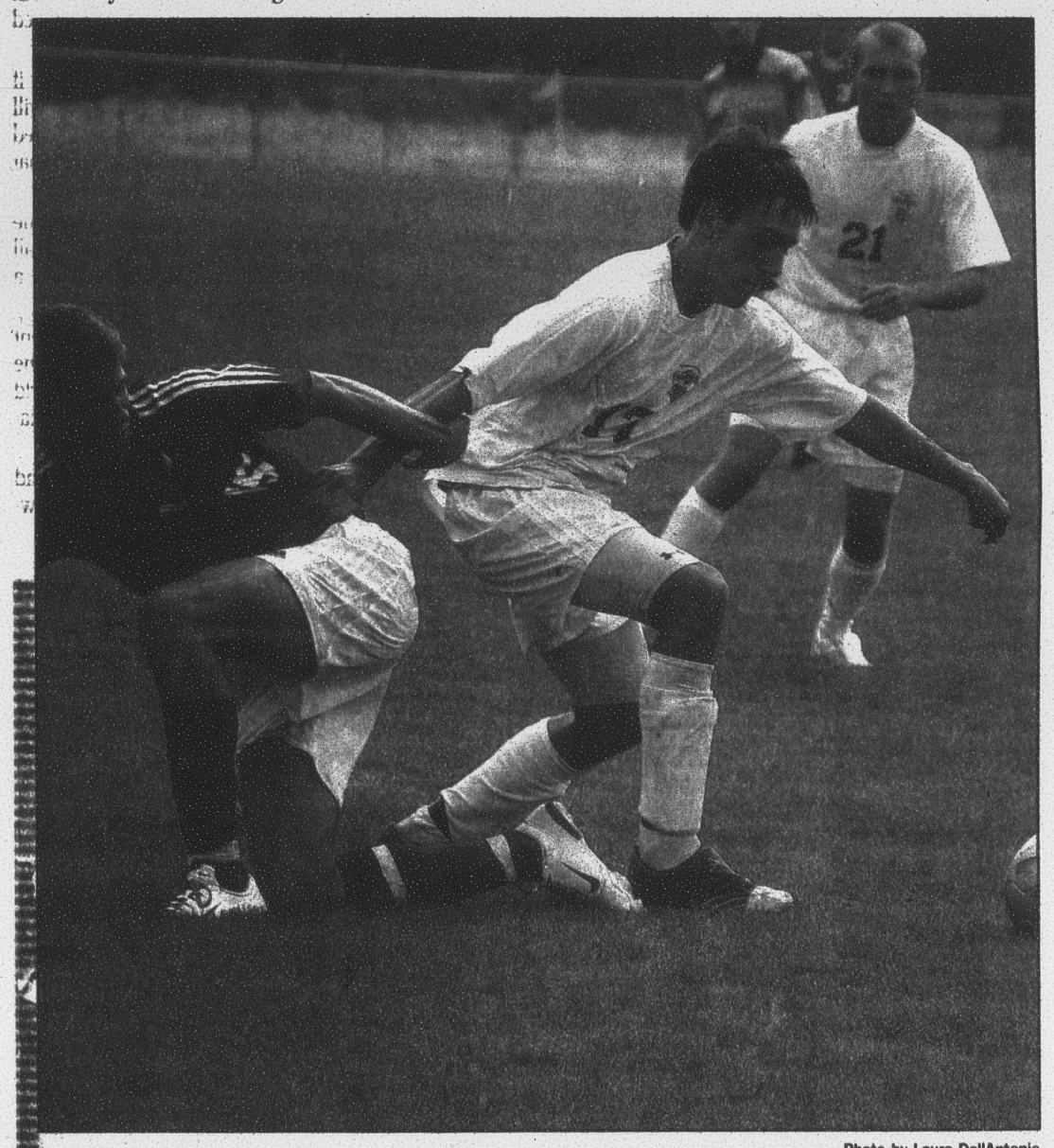


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The men's soccer team defeated LaRoche and St. Vincent this past week.

Men's soccer takes LaRoche, St. Vincent, ties Behrend

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The men's soccer team netted 1 and 3 goals at their games on Sept. 16, 17 and 19, 2006.

The Titans out-shot 23-15 with the win over LaRoche 3-1.

The Titan goalkeeper, junior Anthony Beilstein, made eight saves, while senior Blake Ordell made the first goal on a penalty kick, then Ordell made his second goal later on with the assist from freshman Brice Lott.

Junior Andrew Saporito kicked in the game winning goal in the second half with the assistants of freshman Matt Tomnay. Ordell and Saporito led the Titans with six and four shots.

The men's soccer team then played host Penn-State Behrend with a 1-1 tie on Sept. 17. The Titans peppered Behrend with 21 shots, but Lott was the only one ale to find the back of the net. Beilstein faced 20 shots and made five saves, Saporito lead the Titans with 7 shots.

The Titans were victorious over Saint Vincent College with a final score of 1-0 on Sept. 19.

Ordell was able to score his third goal of the season and the only goal of the game with the assist from Saporito and sophomore Steve Hogya. Beilstein was able to have his first shut out of the season with two saves. Beilstein saved five shots, while the Titans out shot the Bearcats, 18-5.

The Titans look to improve their record, while visiting John Carroll on Sept. 22 and Oberlin on Sept. 23.

How Titan football could defeat Adrian Sept. 23

By Bob Long
Sports writer

The Titans face a very tough Adrian team this week at Burry Stadium. While Westminster is struggling to find themselves as a team right now, the Bulldogs were ranked number 20 in preseason polls. Adrian comes into the game with a 1-1 record to face a 0-2 Titans team.

This is the first time the two teams have squared off since 1989 when the Bulldogs won the MIAA championship and the Titans were still a division 2 powerhouse.

Westminster enters this game not having really put much offense on the field yet due to a lot of youth on the offensive side of the ball.

For the Titans to play against Adrian effectively, the offense will have to get the ball moving, however Adrian's strength is in its defense.

With freshmen at quarterback and tailback, Westminster will be pushed to the limits against the sturdy Bulldog defense led my preseason All-American middle linebacker Tavarski "Taz" Wallace who is averaging 15 tackles per game.

The Titan offense is returning 5 starters against 8 on the Bulldog defense. The Bulldogs have allowed an average of 180 yards per game as a defensive unit this season and are facing a Westminster offense yet to amass 2 touchdowns in a game. The key to the Titan offense this week will be the receiving core with returning starters Brett Ziegler and Jake Buzard running routes.

The Titan defense will come into the game having spent a large majority of the game on the field trying to make up for poor field positioning.

Westminster is facing a rather experienced Bulldogs offense led by senior quarterback Andy Denryter.

The Bulldogs run a form of the spread offense which the Titans will also see against conference rival Washington and Jefferson.

Denryter has 2 touchdowns on the season through the air but also 5 interceptions in just 2 games.

If the Titan defense is to thrive on Saturday they must pick off some of his unadvised passes.

The Titan defense is anchored by sophomore linebacker Jordan Blinn who is averaging 12 tackles a game this season.

The Bulldogs main threat is senior tailback T.J. Williams, who has rushed for 110 yards on 33 carries and the teams only 2 touchdowns.

It will be important to score points so that Adrian is not allowed to pound the football for large amounts of time. The Titan defense must force some turnovers to give the offense some chances to win this game.

With only 3 returning defensive starters, the Titans will be in for a formidable match up against the older and more experienced Bulldogs offense.

This game 3 for the Titans will be very important because history has shown 2 other Titan football teams the 1999 team and the 1985 team that went 0-3 to start the season did not fair well.

Westminster had better come to play against a strong team that for sure will pull no punches on the field. The game is this Saturday at 1:30 at Burry Stadium.

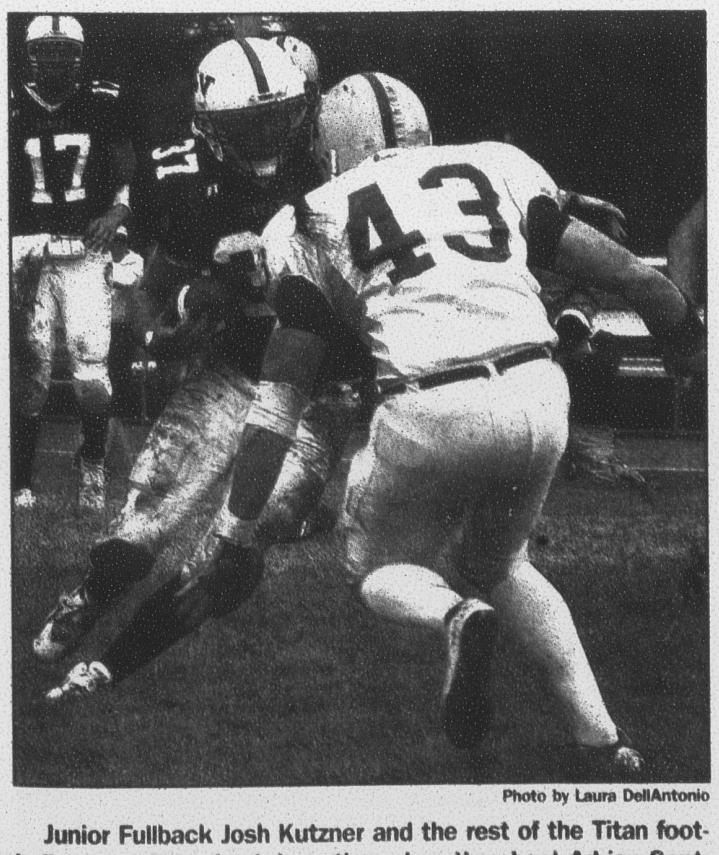


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior Fullback Josh Kutzner and the rest of the Titan football team will be back in action when they host Adrian Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

An Unfair Advantage

National sports have been the theme of my first two columns. However, being the local boy that I am, I feel it is my obligation to keep my roots planted in local sports. Fortunately, for this particular column, I can cover the best of both worlds.

The reason I am able to touch base on a local and national level is because of the outlandish actions of Frank Colavecchia, father of Shenengo High School quarterback Rocco Colavecchia.

Recently, the elder Colavecchia, who was allegedly camouflaged as a college scout, videotaped the Mars High School football practice a day before his son played them.

Congratulations, Mr. Colavecchia, on your national media attention and for allowing me to cover both a local and national story in the same column.

As I listened to this story unfold in utter disbelief, I asked myself what Frank Colavecchia was really guilty of, and the conclusion I came to was that he gave his son an unfair advantage. However, although Colavecchia gave his son an unfair advantage, many athletes gain an unfair advantage in much worse, much less publicized ways.

Every year, high school athletes are caught taking illegal performance-enhancing drugs, such as steroids or human growth hormone, and their names do not run ramped through the media like a pack of wild dogs.

Believe me, I do not in any way condone the actions of Colavecchia, but looking at and analyzing the situation, he is guilty of providing his son with an unfair advantage.

An unfair advantage, albeit steroids or an unconventionally obtained tape, is always wrong, but to me one seems to carry a whole lot more consequences than the other. Steroids create a proven detrimental effect to the body, while watching a tape might strain your eyes if you sit too close.

Again, I am not condoning Colavecchia's actions, I am simply addressing them from different perspectives. Perhaps the part about the tape may seem relatively harmless, but other parts of the story do not.

When Colavecchia was asked to identify himself at Mars, he said that he was from Ohio and was there to see D.J. Cannon, the quarterback from Mars. In the context and setting he was in, Colavecchia may not have said the word scout in verbatim, but by saying what he did, it is understandably insinuated that Mars very well may have took him for a scout.

Did this scandalous tape really pay off? If the proof is in the pudding, the younger Colavecchia passed for a disputed single game record of 457 yards. Did he have an unfair advantage? Yes. Did he take illegal drugs and harm himself or others? No.

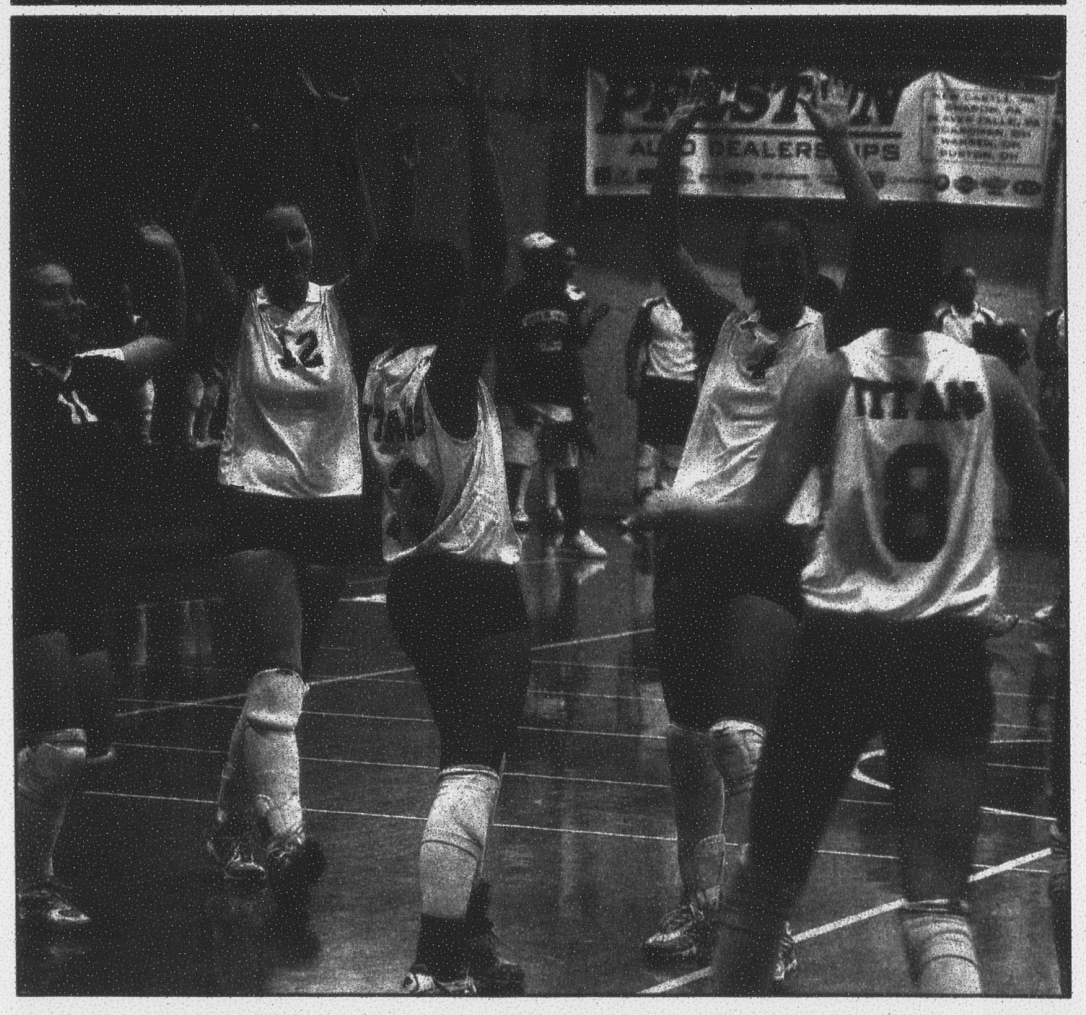
So, depending on perspective, and all the local and national media attention, it can truly be said that Frank Colavecchia is either a cheating scoundrel or the latest of the media's victims.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column, but first you have to make the cut.

Sports

Lady Titans 'volley against violence'



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Lady Titans unite for the cause in beneficiary volleyball tournament

The Lady Titan volleyball team improved its record to 11-3 with three wins and one loss. The event raised more than $700 for the Lawrence County Women's Shelter.

By Bob Long and Lindsey Nuzzo
Sports Writers

The Lady Titans' volleyball team hosted the Volley Against Violence tournament in Buzz Ridl Gymnasium last weekend where they went 4-1, improving their overall record to 11-3.

The Lady Titans had an easy first night of the tournament by beating LaRoche 3-0 (30-7, 30-12, 30-11) and Hilbert 3-0 (30-9, 30-17, 30-18.) All players saw ample playing time in both games.

The Titans were led by senior middle blocker Katie McDermott who has been consistently playing well all season. Putting up the most significant numbers against LaRoche for the Lady Titans were freshman outside hitter Elizabeth Copp with four kills and seven aces, sophomore setter Traci Hassell with four kills and 16 assists, senior outside hitter Rachael Cooper with four kills, and sophomore defensive player Kylene Hoch with five digs.

Against Hilbert, Copp recorded seven kills and one ace, while freshman setter Corrie Gasser had 16 assists. Defensively, Hoch had seven digs.

Saturday, the Lady Titans beat Pitt-Bradford 3-0 (30-19, 30-15, 30-24) but then fell to Penn State Behrend in the championship match 3-1 (27-30, 30-26, 30-23, 30-21.)

Senior middle blocker Katie McDermott put up the biggest numbers against UPB with nine kills, four blocks (one solo) and three digs.

In the final match, junior outside hitter Diana Corzett recorded 12 kills while Hassell had 39 assists, 11 digs, three solo blocks, and five kills. McDermott also contributed with eight kills, 15 digs, and one solo block. Hassell and McDermott were two of eight players to be named to the all tournament team.

The Titans will be ready to play in the next game and losses like this will be few and far between if Coach Tammy Swearingen can help it. Even though the Titans did lose, they are plenty ready to still make a strong run at the PAC title. With four returning starters, the Titans go into conference play ready to take the PAC by storm.

More than $700 was raised as a result of the tournament being held and all proceeds were donated to the Lawrence County Women's Shelter.

TITAN TALK

Titan Talk features *The Holcad*'s sports gurus and lets them weigh in on hot sports topics. Each week, our experts will will hold a debate, and their comments will be turned into the dictation that is Titan Talk. E-mail *The Holcad* at holcad@westminster.edu and let us know who you think won or lost the argument.

Check out next week's edition for the results.

Who will win the Penn state Ohio state match up on Saturday?

Dusty Rhodes (DR): I'm going with Penn State. I think their defense is going to step up and take out the high powered Ohio State offense.

Josh Kutzner (JK): I'm gonna have to disagree with you Dusty. I think that the offensive firepower of Ted Ginn Jr., Troy Smith, Antonio Pittman, and Antonio Gonzalez is just a little to much for Penn State and their inexperienced secondary.

Brandon Phillian (BP): I agree with Kutz on this one. I think Ohio State is going to be ready to play. The game is at the Horseshoe this year, and with the crowd that offense will fly high and the Penn State defense will have no idea what hit them.

DR: I think that we will have a couple guys step up and make some plays for us. We'll come out on the big stage and make some plays. We'll see what happens, but it's going to be a good game.

JK: I don't know. I think that last year Pozluzny had a big game, and somebody else this year, maybe Sean Lee or Dan Connor, is going to have to step up and make some plays.

BP: Here's the thing about Penn State and their stud linebackers: they can be as good as they want but unless they are getting through a very talented and experienced Ohio State offensive line, they are not going to do anything because Troy Smith and the receiving corps are going to pick apart a very young and inexperienced Penn State secondary.

DR: I think the biggest part of the game is if Penn State's defense can get off the field. In the Notre Dame game it seemed like they were on the field for three quarters of the game. If they can get off the field and stay fresh, they can make some plays.

BP: I agree Dusty, that is true, however I don't think the Penn State defense is going to be able to get off the field because the offensive line is very experienced. With the running of Antonio Pittman and with Troy Smith looking like as much of a Heisman candidate as any one this season, I think Penn State will have a lot of trouble getting off the field on Saturday.

JK: I agree with you there. If you look at Penn State last year, they had a quarterback who could run and throw in Michael Robinson, and I believe that Ohio State has that this year with Troy Smith.

BP: Penn State is also starting a quarterback in Anthony Morelli who is making only his fourth career start. I think Ohio State's defense has once again showed they can pressure the quarterback and that they have a solid secondary, and with Jim Tressel's savvy, I think Anthony Morelli is in for a long day.

DR: I think Morelli will be alright. He's not expected to make huge plays, but if he throws it up a few times, maybe Derrick Williams or Deion Butler can get behind the secondary, and catch a deep ball. If the defense plays well, that may be all Penn State needs to pull out a win.

JK: We are all talking about Penn State's ability to throw the ball, but to win the game they will need to establish the run. That is one thing Penn State does have is depth at running back with Tony Hunt and Austin Scott, but again they will need to establish the run game to be able to throw the ball.

BP: If Penn State has any chance at all to win the game, they need to be able to run the ball and shorten the length of the game. They need to sustain drives to kill the clock because if the Ohio State offense has a lot chances with the ball, the game is over.

DR: I think Penn State's offense can move the ball. In the Notre Dame game, they actually had more first downs than Notre dame did. So, if they can keep moving the chains…

BP: Penn State might have had all of those first downs, but if Penn State commits all the turnovers and makes the mistakes they have been committing, then it is over. Jim Tressel's defense constantly capitalizes on mistakes and miscommunication on offense, and I think that is what is going to happen again on Saturday.

JK: Dusty, being a special teams guy yourself, you know that if this game comes down to a field goal Penn State might be in trouble. Kevin Kelly has had his struggles this year going 1-4 last week and missing a couple of very makeable field goals.

DR: I think Kelley is a good kicker. He has struggled a little bit this year, but he has played in some big time games. He finally kicked the game winner in the bowl game against Florida State, even though it took him a couple tries.

BP: A "couple" being the key word!

DR: Who's Ohio State's kicker?

BP: You may have stumped the Schwab Dusty, but it's not going to matter because Ohio State will be so far ahead they won't have to worry about a late field goal.

DR: I think Penn State has the edge on special teams.

BP: Here's how I look at special teams: they won't matter. The head man, Joe Paterno, said himself that Penn State hasn't played a team this good in the last five or six years. Ohio State rolled right over No. 2 Texas, in what wasn't a very close and competitive game. I think Ohio State rolls right through to the Big Ten Championship.

JK: I agree with you 100 percent. I don't think there is anybody in the Big Ten other than Michigan that can give Ohio State a run for the money.

BP: I'm taking Ohio state by 17.

DR: Joe Pa will have his squad ready to play mistake free football. I like Penn state by 3.

JK: Ohio State by 24.

Cross country teams compete at Behrend

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Sports writer

The men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Penn State Behrend Invitational last Saturday where they finished sixth and fifth, respectively.

Three Lady Titan runners placed in the top 35 of the 5-kilometer race as PAC runner of the week Elizabeth Beardsley, freshman, finished 18th, leading the team with a time of 21:01.6. Finishing in 33th and 34th place, respectively, was freshman Michelle Bistrica and junior Leanna Stitt with times of 22:38 and 22:45. The winning time of the race was 18:18.25 claimed by Ester Erb of Case Western Reserve, who also won the meet, overall.

In the men's 5-mile race, the Titans also had three runners in the top 35 finishers of the race with senior Scott Seserko finishing 30th with a time of 30:40.8. He was followed closely by junior Cory Criss who finished 31srt with a time of 30:56.15. Will DeLair came in 32nd place with a time of 31:08.05. Winning the race was Jeremy Velliquete of Mount Union who clocked in at 25:03.5.

The Titans and Lady Titans will return to action at St. Vincent College on Saturday, Sept, 23.

Women's tennis falls at Allegheny Tournament

Gators and Spartans defeat Lady Titans

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The women's tennis team lost a pair of matches at the Allegheny College Tournament on September 16. The Lady Titans lost to the host Gators 6-3 right before getting defeated by Case Western Reserve, 5-4.

In the Allegheny match, singles winners for the Lady Titans were freshman April Scudere and sophomore Alyson Lingle. Scudere won against the #4 single, 6-3 and 6-4. While Lingle defeated the #6 single, 6-4, 3-6 and 10-5. The Lady Titans also won against the #3 doubles, senior Sara Belsito and junior Trista Houck claimed the win 9-8.

In the doubles match against Case Western Reserve, Belsito and Houck were also victorious. As they defeated the #2 doubles 8-2. Also, winning for the singles, Scudere won over the #4 single 6-0 and 6-1.

Senior Andrea Pastorius was victorious over the #3 with the scores 6-2, 3-6 and 6-2. Lingle topped the #6 with 6-4 and 6-2. Scudere and Lingle are the first Lady Titans to reach four single wins for the 2006 season as shows with the 4-1 record, while Belsito and Houck tandem is a perfect 3-0 in doubles play.

The Lady Titans will be hosting two conference teams this up coming weekend. They will play Penn State Behrend on September 22, and Bethany on September 23.

Campus News

Space for Grace

Small groups offer students space to grow with peers

By Rachel Burkot
Campus Writer

Students may have noticed that several small groups have recently been formed, and others are in the process of forming on campus.

The purpose of these groups is to allow students to discuss whatever the group is focusing on in a small, relaxed setting.

"The campus's theme for this year is Space for Grace…All are Welcome," Rev. Jim Mohr said. "The small groups on campus welcome all students to come and find what they are searching for."

If the groups are successful, they could have a positive influence both on students who participate in them and on the campus as a whole.

"I think the small groups could really make a difference if more students got involved, but so far, they are off to a good start," senior Rachel Hammond said.

In many ways, the groups can also affect students' sense of well-being and their interaction on campus.

"In smaller groups you get to express yourself more," sophomore Becky Slifkin said. "Students can bring the ideas discussed in the groups to other areas of the college."

So far, four small groups are making their mark on campus.

Bible Wars will debate contemporary issues and look at how the Bible relates to them. This group will meet on Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. in the lobby of Remick Admissions House, and weekly updates on that week's topic and facilitator will be given on Monday mornings via e-mail and chapel announcements. For more information, contact Jenna Brizzi or Cody Hannum.

"The Characteristics of Christ," a women's Bible study, will examine the way Christ lived and continues to live through us. The group will meet on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Thompson House lobby. For additional details, talk to leaders Amy Whitling or Jess Wiedmann.

A small group discussing the television show "Friends" will meet on Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Galbreath first floor study room. The group will watch some of the show and discuss topics such as friendships, relationships, sexuality, work, marriage and faith. The group will also discuss how "Friends" and faith relate. To participate, contact Laura Nystrom.

"Finding God in Unusual Places" is a study that will look at movies, art, poetry, books and other everyday things that God can be found in. This group will meet on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Browne Hall, room 10. Contact Lindsay McCarty or Marissa Shetler if interested.

In addition to these, new small groups may be formed as the semester goes on, so students should watch their e-mails for more information. Also, students can always step forward with ideas for groups that they would like to see on campus.

Exercise your pen

Scrawl brings distinguished writer to read and conduct workshops

By Samantha Bruening
Campus Writer

Scrawl will kick off its series of sponsored guest speakers with a man of many talents.

Scrawl is the arts and literary magazine on campus that is published once a year toward the end of the spring semester.

In the fall, however, a mini-Scrawl is published in *The Holcad*. This edition features selections of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. It serves as a preview for the student body, to give the campus an idea of what to expect in the full edition.

Also in the spring, Scrawl sponsors an art show. The student body votes on their favorite works and the top three or so, depending on the number of entries, are featured in the full edition of the magazine. In regard to guest speakers, Scrawl has sponsored one every other month in the past. However, this year, the magazine will feature a speaker every month, beginning with Glenn Moomau.

"Anticipation is very high for this event," said Julie Maryan, co-editor of the magazine. "We expect a good amount of people to be coming."

Glenn Moomau is traveling to campus from Baltimore, Md. Moomau is an accomplished writer, having a variety of his stories and essays published.

In addition, his book of non-fiction, *Ted Nugent Condominium: From Boston to Austin with the Glenmont Popes*, the story of a rock-and-roll band's journey across America, was published by the Apathy Press in the winter of 2001. Moomau also applies his talent in the classroom setting by teaching writing classes at American University in Washington, D.C.

He is not only a writer and a professor, but also an accomplished blues musician. Moomau is a member of the band The Blue Flames, displaying his talents on the harp and vocals. His band performs regularly in his hometown.

Moomau attended the University of Maryland in the 1980s, where he obtained his B.A. and MFA. This is also where he befriended campus' own Dr. David Swerdlow, who is all too familiar with Moomau's work.

"Moomau is an exciting writer with an exquisite sense of craft," said Dr. Swerdlow. "He has a sharp eye and a refined ear."

Glenn Moomau will do a reading of his fictional and non-fictional works on September 27 in Mueller Theater at 7:00 p.m. In addition, he will conduct a workshop on Thursday, September 28 in the Thompson-Clark Building, Room 314, at 6:00 p.m.

In the workshop, Moomau will display his writing and teaching skills, giving local writers an opportunity to come and work on their specific projects with him.

"Scrawl has sponsored speakers and writing workshops in the past and it really is a fantastic experience working for a few hours under the direction of an author whose work you've come to enjoy," said Julie Tvaruzek, another member of the Scrawl staff. "He's an author, a professor, a musician, and I'm really excited to have the opportunity to learn from someone who has had so many different experiences as a writer."

New TUB hours not utilized by students, disliked by workers

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff Writer

The new school year has brought several changes to campus life, and one of those changes is to the TUB's schedule.

The TUB hours have now been extended on Friday and Saturday so that the Grille is open until midnight. How many students have been taking advantage of the new extended hours? Despite the fact that many students approved the change in schedule, not that many actually appear to buy food late at night when the weekend comes around.

The extended hours are for students who crave late night snacks. However, on Friday nights many students are either out at parties, watching the movies in McKelvey or are home for the weekend. This cuts down the amount of people who visit the TUB in between 10 p.m. and midnight.

"Friday nights we have about one person come through after 11 p.m.," one TUB worker said. "Saturday nights there are maybe ten people."

The TUB workers had mixed reactions to the extended hours. Because of the new schedule, the TUB employees had their schedules moved around as well. One of the TUB workers is happy with the changes because now she has the day shift, when the old schedule had her working later at night. However, for another TUB employee the late shift cuts into family time. His son only comes home each weekend, and since he is scheduled to work until at least midnight they do not get to spend any quality time together.

Students also had varied reactions to the extended hours. "I think it's good because people like to be able to get snacks late on the weekends" sophomore Katie Thompson said. "For example, if I get hungry late at night, I like to be able to go to the TUB and get cheese fries."

Some students were not aware of the extended hours, and others thought that they are a little extreme. "I'm glad that they extended the TUB hours on Saturday night, but I still think that keeping the TUB open until midnight on both Friday and Saturday is a little ridiculous" sophomore Nicky Piszczor said. "If people have random cravings for food that late at night they have other places they can go for food, such as The Feed Mill."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let this never happen

This letter may one day go out to prospective students, given Westminster's current path.

Dear suburban upper-middle class Caucasian parents,

We are excited that your child is considering making Westminster their next place to call home. Let me assure you that our home provides far more than our trademark milk and cookies. Below are several questions asked about our home by concerned parents of the past:

1. What if my child isn't ready for college? Don't worry. Our faculty members rarely fail students and we encourage them to award exclusively grades of A and B. Further, many of our students elect not to participate in course reading...some don't even bother buying books for upper-level courses. Coddling is our passion at Westminster College and we take it very seriously. Rest assured that faculty members who attempt to harass your children with poor grades and lengthy reading assignments will be chastised severely.

2. Will it be an issue if my child occasionally oversleeps? If your student is late for an exam or important presentation, we encourage our faculty to take a moment, call your student with a friendly wakeup call, so they can reschedule their assignment.

3. My child has never experienced a new environment with a lot of different people. Is Westminster safe? Absolutely. Westminster is one of the least diverse institutions in the nation. Through indirect policies, laughable token actions, and discriminatory measures like the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program, we are committed to maintaining our excellent track record. We guarantee your child a safe, homogeneous environment!

4. Is Westminster affordable? The College makes every effort to make a Westminster education affordable. Speak with your PC(USA) pastor about the YPS program.

5. Westminster is a Presbyterian College, but we are not Presbyterians. Will that be a problem? No, but we do make our best effort to recruit Presbyterian students. Other scholarships have different criteria. Fortunately, there are plenty of other colleges that will provide you with funding based on your academic qualifications. We would be happy to provide you with a list of nearby institutions.

We hope your child chooses to make Westminster home for the next four years. If at any time they should have a concern or problem, feel free to call and complain. Many of our current students still rely on their parents to do things for them and we sort of encourage them to do so.

Your best friend,
Joe the Admissions Counselor

Ben Nelson and Ray Walling
Class of 2006

Prestige vs. liberal arts-what to do?

I have a serious concern with the ultimate function of this college. Westminster proclaims to be a leading liberal arts college, but is it? By nature a liberal arts college develops its students into productive members of the public sphere; to make them masters of circumstance, not simply their field. Westminster should create free-thinking persons capable of reading anything and expressing thought, without hindrances from prejudice and ignorance. Upon graduation a student should possess the ability and desire for endless continuing education, although the vast majority will leave here with a degree in their field, a memorable time, and very few qualifications of a liberal arts education.

Inquiry 102 has been removed, allowing students to quickly forget the pursuit of absolute knowledge and enter their field of study sooner. The community service requirement was sacrificed as well. The college is clearly se ling a message diametrically osed to its mission statement. In the testimonials section on our website, professor Rennie praises technology's role in educational success. Most students claim the first-year program, out-of-major education, and the community made their experience here valuable. Why then, does Westminster eliminate and de-emphasize, the importance of these factors? Are we here for a degree or an opportunity to grow intellectually?

The improvement spotlight is apparently on enhancing our prestige as viewed by the outsider. New townhouses, upgraded smart classrooms, a focus on the job placement percentage (and other statistics to rank higher on US News best colleges) etc. These are great achievements, but not compared to the negligence of fundamental factors that construct a liberal education. In order to justify calling itself a leading liberal arts college Westminster needs to refocus on its well written mission statement, an eight facet statement of which the college only satisfactorily teaches two. Promote functions and involvement in our community, instead of replacing them with Westminster approved alternatives. Keep only professors that are competent in their area of study and educators dedicated to freeing students mind and stimulating their intellect. Professors committed to providing tools for a continuing education and emancipation from prejudice, ignorance, and unevaluated thought. We should receive a $125,000+ education, not one with the potential of math graduates who can't effectively communicate their thoughts. Westminster should be an institution of higher education instead of a business or trade school.

James Sharcot
Senior

Learning through diversity awareness

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

Director of diversity services Jeannette Hooks Hubbard and members of the Black Student Union are attempting to bring diversity to the campus and community.

In working to promote a positive atmosphere for social and cultural differences, Hubbard recently hosted a meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Diversity Consortium. The WPDC meets on campuses across western Pennsylvania to discuss issues that students may face as minorities. According to the school website, one of the upcoming events for the WPDC is the Harambee Summit at Clarion University on Nov. 3-5.

"The summit is meant to bring together students of color and their allies to address issues pertinent to their success at predominately white colleges and universities," Hubbard said.

Hubbard is also a member of the Help Educate Against Racism Committee and serves as a supervisor for the College Connection Program. This program's purpose is to increase diversity among youth and operates through the Sankey Youth Center located in New Castle.

Along with Hubbard's efforts, a group of students are also trying to bridge the issues concerning diversity. The BSU, which meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. in 255 McKelvey, is an on-campus organization made up of students of all backgrounds and races. According to the school website, the main goal of the BSU is to present the issues that people of non-white backgrounds face on a daily basis and try to create a positive atmosphere for all ethnicities to be able to understand and learn about one another.

"More than anything I want the BSU to get more involved in the campus and to make the campus and community more aware about minorities," BSU president Akesha Joseph said.

One way that the BSU is attempting to do just that is by hosting the "Pajama Jam" on Oct. 7 in the Club Room. The pajama party will start at 10 p.m. and is free to students on campus before midnight. Off-campus students can get in for $3. After midnight the general admission is $5. The event will include non-alcoholic drinks, dancing, a D.J., and the Philadelphia performing group Maintain Records.

"Everyone should go to the Pajama Jam because not only do you get to wear your pajamas instead of getting dressed up, but you'll also be able to meet a lot of new people," BSU member Heidi Ptacek said.

Other upcoming events for the BSU include selling "Sweetest Day" candy grams, hosting vespers, adopting a family at Christmas, and putting on a fashion show. In addition, members are talking about ideas for ways to honor and celebrate Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month coming up next semester.

"It is important for us to come out of our comfort zones and to come together, because in coming together we are learning about one another," BSU secretary Joselyn Parker said.

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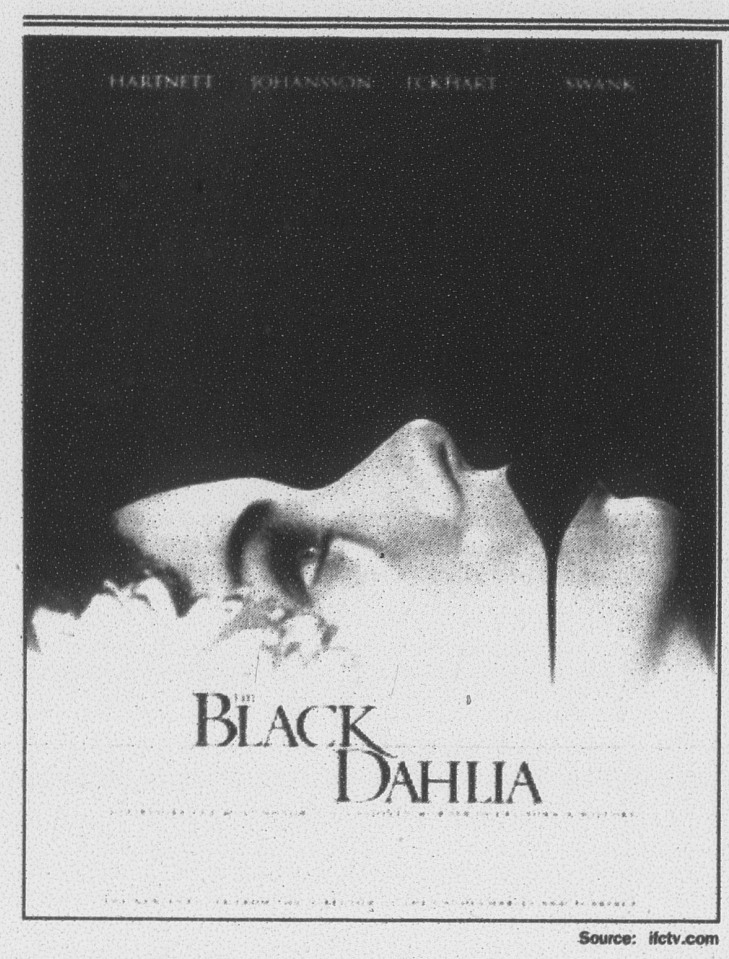

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The Black Dahlia brings suspense, but a lame ending

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

The Black Dahlia has all the makings of a successful film noir: Brian De Palma as director (also of Scarface and The Untouchables fame), highly stylized cinematography, coupled with sexy and intense characters. However, the plot is heavy laden with confusing twists, grisly images, and a medley of colorful characters.

The plot is based loosely on James Ellroy's novel that adds a twist on one of the most notorious murders in L.A. history. The mutilated victim was hopeful young actress Elizabeth Short, whose corpse was found in a vacant lot in January 1947. The plot remains true to the grisly details of disembodiment and Elizabeth's lackluster career, but the rest is a figment of Hollywood imagination since the case still remains unsolved.

Dwight "Bucky" Bleichert (Josh Hartnett) and Lee Blanchard (Aaron Eckhart) are two L.A. homicide detectives/ex-boxers assigned to the case, though the boxing back story is more jumbled and random than insightful. Scarlett Johansson is Lee's knockout live-in girl, Kay Lake, who dresses in pearls and skirts and manages to have a hearty meal waiting for her two "super-cops" Bucky and Lee.

The plot gets even more crowded when Lee loses his sanity and starts popping pills and obsessing over the Dahlia case. The odd thing is, despite his obsession, we really don't learn any more about the case, but we wonder if he knows more about it than he lets on. Kay relates her worries to Bucky, who learns that Kay has her own dirty laundry being an ex-hooker to a deadbeat pimp who just happens to get out of jail in a week, and may start looking for revenge on Lee and Kay.

Along with this twist, Bucky finds his way into the manipulative clutches of Madeleine Linscott (Hilary Swank), a rich society girl who spends her time "servicing" servicemen or cozying up at the local girl-on-girl emporium. Bucky notices her uncanny likeness to the Dahlia, but soon learns that her and her eccentric family may be intertwined in the murder.

Not much attention is given to the Dahlia (Mira Kirshner) except for clips of her black and white audition tape which portrays an insecure, but beautiful girl. I think only one clip was needed to relay the point that Hollywood killed this girl's spirit before her body, but that's just my opinion.

The characters and the cinematography are the best points in this film. Josh Hartnett could have fit in with the cast of L.A. Confidential, and Aaron Eckhart is so versatile and completely different than his role in Thank You for Smoking, especially with the amount of cigarettes he lights up in this film. Hilary Swank is exceptional and Scarlett Johansson is one of the best actresses for such a young age.

The music, cast, the camera movements, and the setting all add up to a great crime drama, but the last half-hour of the film is a cop-out with a random group of characters giving a bare-threaded confession and explanation of the murder. The entire film was filled with mystery, suspense, and confusion, but it all ends with a lame "this is how it really happened" stamp. Just like the murder, the pieces just don't fit. Rating: C

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that one day in her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Crossfade announces tour with Buckcherry

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 /PRNewswire/ -- Columbia Records platinum-selling rock band Crossfade announces a Fall 2006 tour with Buckcherry beginning October 10 in Las Vegas, NV at the Empire Ballroom and continuing into December.

The band released its eagerly-anticipated new album Falling Away, on August 29. The new single from Falling Away will be "Drown You Out," scheduled to ship to Active Rock and Modern Rock radio on September 26. "Drown You Out" is produced by Crossfade and Randy Staub (Metallica, Nickleback).

The platinum band spent the week of the Falling Away's release in late August celebrating with the troops at Camp Pendleton & Fort Bragg with special performances and autograph signings. Earlier this year, Crossfade performed eight shows in 13 days for members of the U.S. military at several bases (including shows in Spain, Italy, Kuwait, Bahrain, Portugal, Turkey and a concert on-board a U.S. navy ship at sea). The Crossfade tour was presented by Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE).

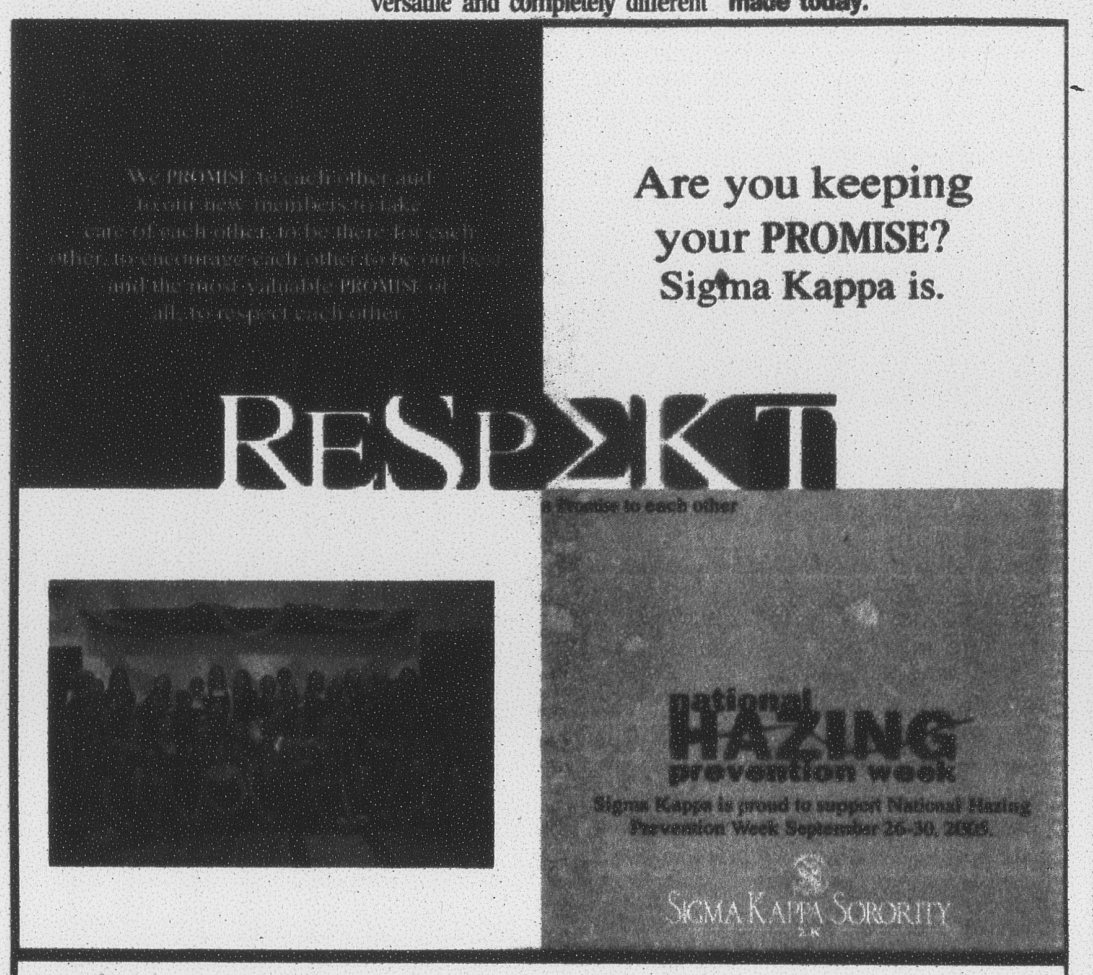
"We are thrilled that we can show our support for these men and women who put their lives on the line each day. It's because of our nation's military that we can do what we do for a living," said Crossfade's Mitch James, speaking on behalf of the band on the eve of the tour. "We hope to continue doing more and more of these shows across the world to show our soldiers how much respect we have for each and every one of them."

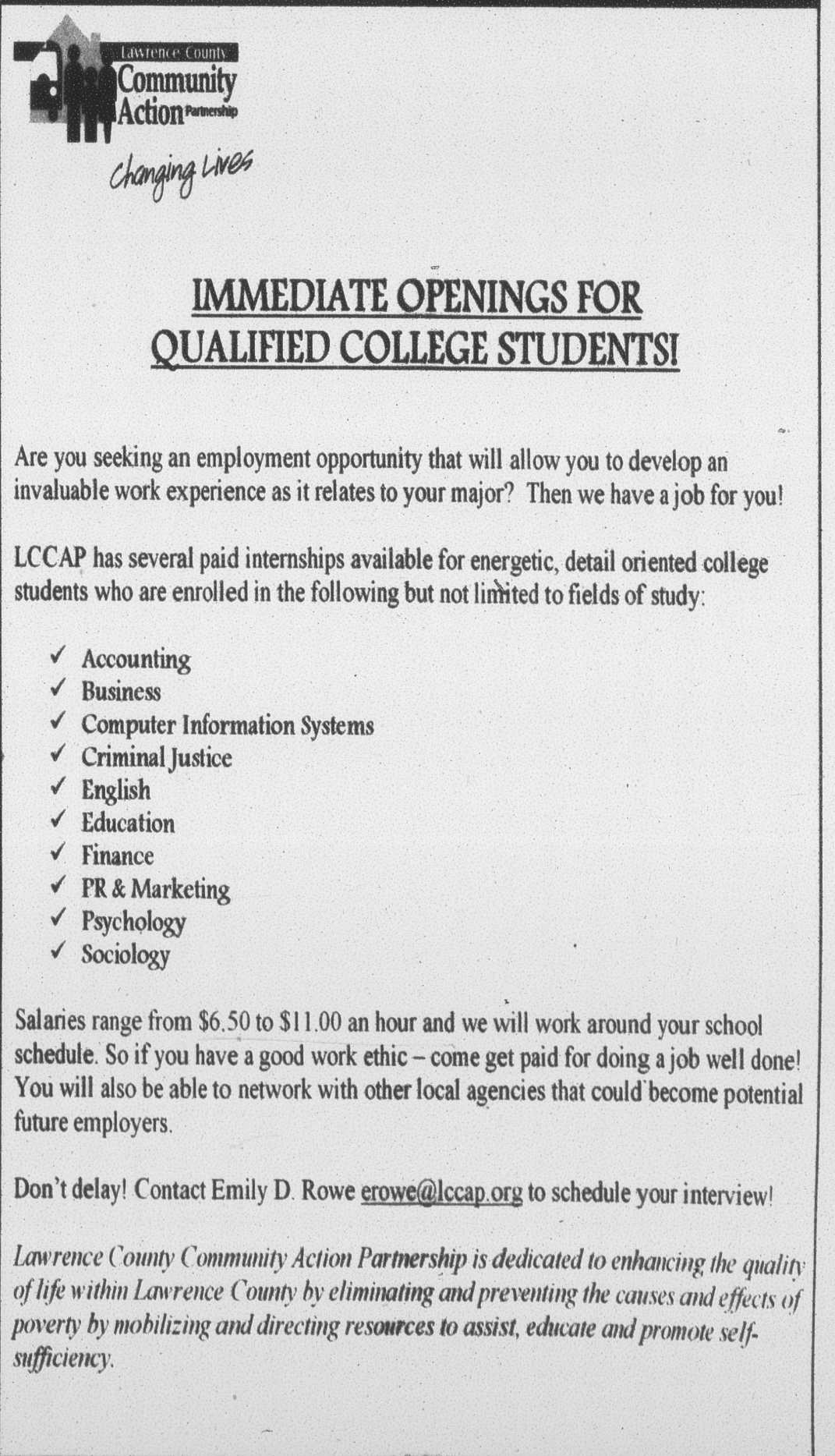
Originally released on April 13, 2004, the band's self-titled debut album entered the Billboard 200 best-selling albums chart in July of that year and spent 11 out of 12 weeks (during October - December 2004) as Billboard's #1 Heatseekers album.

Crossfade's debut album was composed, recorded and self-produced in the group's garage studio in Columbia, South Carolina with Randy Staub's post-production work completed at Warehouse Studios in Vancouver. Crossfade reached the upper quarter (#41) of the Billboard 200 bestselling albums chart and was certified platinum, in honor of sales of more than 1,000,000 units, by the RIAA in August 2005.

One of the biggest artist development successes of 2004 and 2005, Crossfade performed on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Jimmy Kimmel Live," the "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," and the "Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," among other television appearances.

A veritable touring machine, Crossfade has played hundreds of shows since the release of the group's debut album. Crossfade is currently on tour and will continue to tour throughout 2006 in support of the release of Falling Away.





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September 22, 2006

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting -- MCC 255

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:30 PM Women's Tennis vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)

4:15 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 206

7:00 PM Men's Soccer at John Carroll

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Little Man -- MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Da Vinci Code -- MCC Mueller Theater

September 23, 2006

Women's Golf at Mercyhurst Invitational

ROSH HASHANAH

Cross Country at St. Vincent Invitational

11:00 AM Women's Tennis vs. Bethany (H)

1:30 PM Football vs. Adrian (H) -- Burry Stadium

3:00 PM Men's Soccer at Oberlin

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Da Vinci Code -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM CPC Presents Recycled Percussion -- Orr Auditorium

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Little Man -- MCC Mueller Theater

September 24, 2006

Men's Golf at Allegheny Invitational

RAMADAN BEGINS

Women's Golf at Mercyhurst Invitational

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Da Vinci Code -- MCC Mueller Theater

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Titan Fest -- Anderson Amphitheater

7:00 PM Vespers -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311/312

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Little Man -- MCC Mueller Theater

September 25, 2006

Men's Golf at Allegheny Invitational

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM Holcad Staff Meeting -- MCC 255

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM Open Forum with Malawi Guests on Campus -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:00 PM CPC Meeting -- MCC Club

5:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting -- Old Main 213

5:30 PM Praise Team Practice -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

September 26, 2006

3:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting -- MCC 352

5:30 PM Praise Team -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting -- MCC 255

6:00 PM Career Center Program: Graduate School -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:30 PM ALLIES Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 315

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 314

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

September 27, 2006

Chapel Event at the Flag Pole -- Quad

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting -- MCC 255

11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Richard Sprow, et al., "What I Learned Teaching LLP" -- MCC Mueller Theater

4:00 PM Women's Tennis vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

7:00 PM Scrawl Poetry Reading -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson 112

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

8:00 PM Black Student Union Meeting -- MCC 255

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship -- MCC Club/Lounge

September 28, 2006

12:45 PM IFC Meeting -- MCC 255

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting -- MCC 352

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting -- Patterson 231

5:30 PM Chapel Staff Meeting -- Old Main 213

6:00 PM Kappa Delta Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

7:00 PM Gospel Choir -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Grove City (H)

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

Sudoku!

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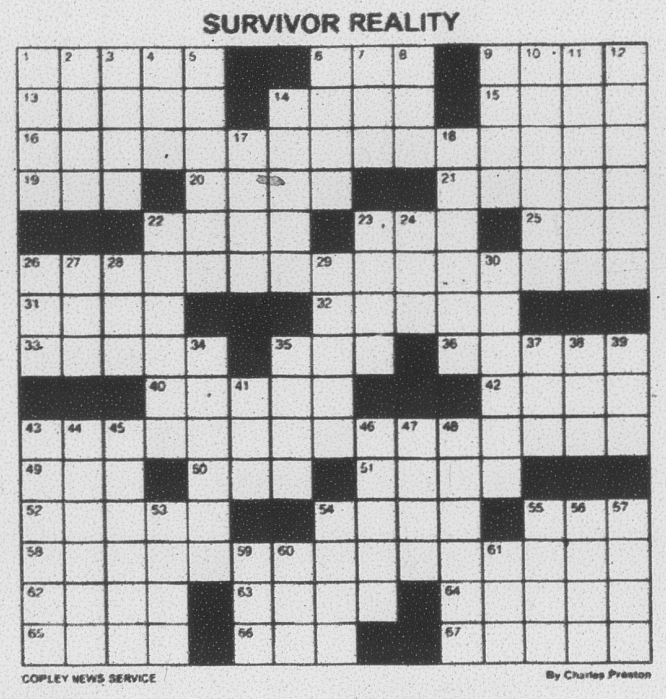

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

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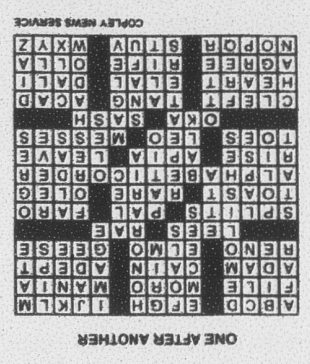

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32 Gland: comb. form
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50 Way to go: abbr.
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52 Heavenly blessed TV star?
54 Advance slowly
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64 Busy airport
65 Rob Roy, for one
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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Steer clear of someone who might attempt to control you or to judge you unfairly. Get quiet and listen to your inner voice.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A partner or associate has some unconventional ideas about how your relationship should function. Be willing to consider the proposal.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Adaptive is your key word for this forecast period. Strive to be a good sport, flexible, open-minded and willing to accept change.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Find value and pleasure in the little, unique, intangible aspects of life. Take time to smell the roses while keeping an eye on your long-term goals.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Enjoy visiting with or entertaining family members in your home. Serve an unusual meal with your own creative flair or spices added.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You are way out in front of the crowd this week in mental or intellectual pursuits. Slow down to find someone who can match your wisdom and wits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Strive toward financial independence. Find a plan that will afford you enough money to live and prosper in your desired lifestyle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Express your individuality and feel good about knowing who you are and what you can accomplish. Hold your head up high and proceed with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): To one that much is given, much is expected. Commit funds or volunteer extra time to support a favorite charity or creative institution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Join a unique club or group that provides an opportunity to participate in innovative activities. Share the experience with a wide variety of people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It will work to your advantage to be the first one in a pioneering field or profession. Take a daring or adventurous approach to your career pursuits.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Brilliant thoughts or plans are useless without actual application. Move into action and test the validity of a philosophical concept or political agenda.

If your birthday is this week, enjoy a period of travel, high adventure and excitement during the coming year. You are charted to grow in several areas of your life. Pursuits in higher education are encouraged as you are well equipped to apply discipline and mental agility to your studies. Unexpected events surrounding your personal finances will spur you in a positive direction. Express your individuality.

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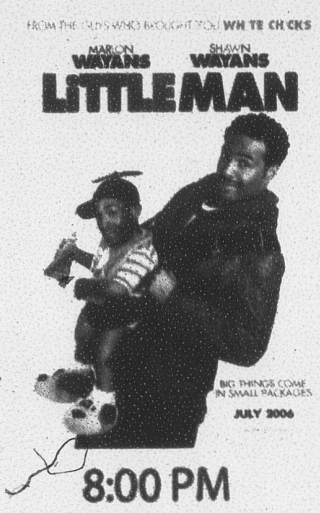
"Little Man"



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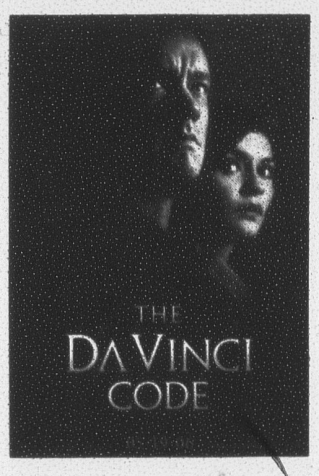
Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

"The DaVinci Code"



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FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10pm-2am
Club Room

Late Night
Mon-Tue-Thurs
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

COMING SOON...

Sept. 23 Recycled Percussion - Orr Aud.
Sept. 29 Titan's Tavern-Erin Dragan and IOR
Oct. 6 Tom DeLuca
Oct. 20 Springhill
Oct. 27 Craig Karges
Oct. 28 Jazz Concert
Oct. 28 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 10 Titan's Tavern-JD Eicher & 1959
Nov. 11 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 11 Lee Camp-Comic
Dec. 28 Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 8 Titan's Tavern-Valley Below, JD Eicher & Nikki Douglas

Features

Please drink responsibly

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

I'm done with nicely dishing out advice, at least for a little while. I'm far too annoyed and much too good at venting for that to go on much longer, so I'll get my point across in that way instead.

I grow weary of seeing silly girls half-naked as they walk along the roads of New Wilmington on their way to party and become even more ridiculous.

I'm equally frustrated with these girls later in the evening, when they can't handle themselves and make bad choices, then need someone to take them back to their room and hold their hair back while they're sick. Or, in less extreme situations, when you have to beat equally intoxicated males off of them with a stick while you drag them to a car (with a designated driver behind the wheel, of course) or the happy bus to save them from themselves.

The frustrating part is, when they do it again the next weekend; and the next weekend; and the next. It becomes clear that this is something that she enjoys (or at least isn't opposed to) doing to herself.

Eventually, she will make some very unwise choices regarding the positioning of her clothing or lose discretion in other ways and then, frankly, it's all over.

Too many times this campus, a conservative and homogenous one at that, has seen a well-intentioned young lady get a little carried away "embracing" the university lifestyle with one hitch: this isn't a big university. If you want to get away with all of the things your parents told you not to do, like skipping class or going home with a different person every night, then pack your bags and head to Penn State in January where you'll never run into the same person twice unintentionally.

Here, youthful indiscretions may far outlive your actual youth and be all that someone remembers of you by senior year – and when I say remember, I don't mean remembering nicely.

I'm not just picking on girls here. While a guy may not earn a horrid social reputation among his male friends for getting a little too "friendly" (other than his "friends'" social circles, especially if they intersect), he may very well worry a little too much about the partying and companionship aspects of this campus and altogether too little about that pesky homework part, then have to go home after his first couple of semesters – something else that frequently happens in this college life.

If the thought of commuting from mom and dad's house appeals to you more than the moderate freedoms offered when residing on-campus, please disregard what you just read; but I have a feeling that's not your ultimate goal if you've already chosen this primarily residential college.

These fates can interchange and occur simultaneously; no one is immune to overdoing it and killing their reputation or professional potential. In the same breath, no one is invincible and the heavy drinking you're seeing the effects of in Wellness (I have it now, too, so don't try to pretend you're unaware of what I'm talking about) is a real possibility that I have also, sadly, seen very nearly happen on several occasions.

Regardless of whether you believe me at this moment or not, remember that the extraordinary things you do, derived from your stellar work ethic or your "champ" status when out five nights out per week, will follow you for the rest of your college career – and probably even into your professional one. Use discretion and wait to test your limits until you're around people you trust – people who will give you the time of day whether you're a "sleepover" buddy or not.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor. She is glad that when dining at El-Canelo this week she escaped a squeeze from a dimpled mariachi man; unfortunately, everyone at her table (and the next) was not so lucky. Better luck next time.

Some rise by sin, some by virtue fall

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

A great wave of immigration from Eastern and Southern Europe crashed upon America's shores leaving, when it receded, traces of the European surf.

Hillsville in Lawrence County attracted many Italian immigrants to work in the area's limestone industry that some contemporaries deemed the largest limestone operation in the world. While many of these Italians worked hard, honest jobs, a small number brought from their homeland a secret society that plagued many local citizens.

In Italy, the "society of honor" acted in secret to oppress those unable to defend themselves. In America, the society placed an imprint of a black hand on houses as a scare-tactic to obtain what society members desired. The title "black hand" emerged to describe the threatening organization, and Italian community members in Hillsville paid money to the Black Hand for fear of persecution, beating, and death.

In February 1907 a game warden, Sealey Houk, quarreled with two Italian immigrants poaching birds on his property and shot a dog belonging to one of the two men. The dog belonged to the alleged head of the Black Hand, Rocco Racco.

Two weeks later, police officials discovered Sealey Houk dead from a gun wound, and his body held down with stones in the Mahoning River.

District Attorney Charles Young and Sheriff John Waddinton consulted with agents of the Pinkerton Detective Agency and began to penetrate the Black Hand.

On July 13, 1907, workers lined up for their paychecks. Workers at the pay office explained that an error arose in some paychecks and in order to receive more money, the workers affected by the mistake should report to a back room. Those affected by the "error" followed officials to the back room and were handcuffed, apprehended, and put into a boxcar from where the district attorney, the sheriff, and a slew of law enforcement officials appeared. The "error" ensnared 22 suspected Black Hand members who were then railed to the New Castle Jail where they awaited trial.

Threats of revenge rendered many witnesses silent, but one Italian Immigrant, Nick Cirigoli, endangered his and his family's lives by testifying against the Black Hand–for which he became known as "the bravest man in Lawrence County."

During the trial Racco admitted that the Black Hand Society acted as a Mafia syndicate. Fifty trials finally broke the Black Hand's reign.

Lawrence County presently holds the highest concentration of Italian-Americans of any Pennsylvania County and looks back at a proud yet brutal past.

"Oh, one last thing . . . got any bagged spinach in your carry-on?"

"I haven't seen an audience this tough since President Bush addressed the U.N."

TITAN EYE CANDY

This week, Jenn Corkadel interviews a rockin' PR major

This summer, junior public relations major Kelly Corbin worked with an intensive music camp and a live music festival through her internship with River Music Experience.

Kelly first started interning with River Music, a nonprofit serving musicians and music appreciators, over the winter break of her sophomore year as a volunteer. She was able to return this summer as a paid employee to assist in preparations for two major events, Rock Camp and River Roots Live Festival.

During Rock Camp, Kelly created programs for performances, biographies, tickets, slideshows and invitations for the camp. serving eight-to eighteen-year-olds.

Rock Camp, a program that also takes place in major cities such as Sacramento, Calif. and Austin, Texas, where it originated 11 years ago, has enabled youths to participate in three two-week sessions of music immersion culminating in a performance in the facility's Redstone Room and their own CD. This was the first year a Rock Camp was held in Davenport, and camp participants came from as far away as Georgia to be involved.

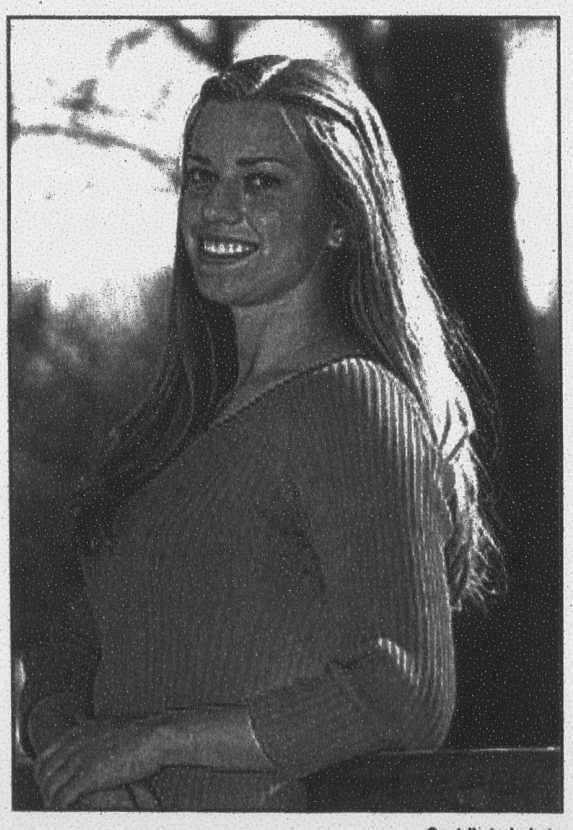
The coolest thing about it was watching these kids," Kelly said. "Seeing them grow was the most rewarding part of it."

Kelly's second major project, the River Roots Live Festival, is actually taking place this weekend in Davenport. Coincidentally, she will be working with Recycled Percussion this weekend as a member of the Campus Programming Council and will not be able to attend the event she worked on during the summer months.

"It's hard not being there when you've put your heart into it," Kelly explains.

She produced mailings to solicit volunteers, printed and distributed flyers, and coordinated multiple vendors and suppliers for the festival. As this was only the second year River Music held the festival, careful planning was needed to ensure the nonprofit organization's financial stability.

When not working on these two major projects, Kelly had many duties as a marketing intern including a designing a marketing plan for the Redstone Room, press releases and newsletters, archiving news articles and other related materials from the press while handling reception duties.



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While pleased with her overall experience, at River Music, Kelly does not see herself going into a career in public relations within the music industry. She instead hopes to pursue work with a company rather than an agency as she would be able to promote one specific product, event or convention exclusively.

For other public relations majors, Kelly advises making interests and career hopes out there because indirect connections can become job or internship leads.

Know a student or faculty member on campus who's done something unique or gone through a major obstacle in their life? Let us know about it! Contact information for The Holcad *is in the staff box on the opinion page.*

Is it just me?

Survivor turns savage

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Is it just me, or is the format for this seasons, "Survivor: Cook Island" a really bad idea?

I went to my room Thursday evening to relax after what seemed to be a never ending day, and I figured I'd catch some primetime T.V. before calling it a night. While flipping through the channels I stopped at the CBS show *Survivor.*

While I was watching, I noticed that the teams appeared to be divided by racial ethnicity. Since I missed the first few minutes of the show I wasn't sure if this was a really bad coincidence or if it was done on purpose.

It wasn't long before I realized it was blatant segregation. "You have got to be kidding me," I exclaimed. I was stunned.

After realizing what was going on, I knew that my plans of relaxation for the evening were over. I needed to know more. According to show producer Mark Burnett, the idea arose because so many of its applicants expressed so much "ethnic pride." They just thought it would be a good idea.

Survivor in previous years has been known for its ability to come up with interesting ways of separating the castaways. Things like age, gender - you know, simple things like that.

Yet, the show has seen a decrease in its ratings over the past few seasons. Was this some impractical way of boosting declining ratings?

Has America gotten so wrapped up in racial differences that it actually is being exploited on primetime? The producers say, "No." But from what I saw, I say "yes."

I knew that if I was going to get a true understanding of the situation, I would have to see the show in its entirety. (Thank God for technology) After seeing the whole thing, I was even more convinced that it was a stunt. (Producers swear that it wasn't)

Racial tension is something that has been swept under the rug for years, occasionally showing its ugly head amongst us, simply as a reminder that it is still there. I think that people have a hard time talking about such a hot topic, but the thoughts are in almost every persons mind; sometimes unconsciously, nonetheless still there. So putting it out there in such a way seems like a sure sign to get people tuning in, but at what cost?

In the first episode the stereotypes were "in your face." There was a Vietnamese man by the name of, Cao Boi, who just happened to be a nail salon manager, making comments like, How could a bunch of Asians, who were so little, weigh a down a raft?," or joking that "Nobody would suspect little people with slanted eyes."

A member of the Hispanic tribe said, "Hispanics are used to being in tropical settings."

But the worst had to be the stereotypes of the African-American tribe. I'm not just saying that because I am of African decent, but it was almost too much to bear.

First, when the teams had to swim, a comment was made about how black people weren't supposed to be able to swim. Another person commented, "We don't just run track."

Then another comment was made about how black people don't like to be told what to do. Then there was the black women in the circle yelling, "Represent, represent!" (Represent what? I don't know).

But to top it off, the black team came in dead last in the first challenge of putting together a puzzle boat. And when I say dead last, I mean dead last after other teams had put their boat together, rowed down and back! (Did I fail to mention that the Asian team was the first to figure the puzzle out?)

And of course that meant that the first to be voted off was black. But that's not the end of it, the black team was informed that they were going to be given the choice of picking any person from any team to spend a couple of days in what is known as, Exile Island, which is where they send someone who is a potential threat to them.

Well, the two black men stepped up and choose a man, who posed no real threat, from none other than the White team. What was the reasoning behind their decision, you ask? It was because the man had taken a chicken from a member of the Asian tribe. A chicken! It was almost too cliché.

The three winning teams were given a fire starting kit, while the black team had to start their own fire, and it was only fitting that they couldn't.

Stereotypes for the White tribe? Hmm… besides the fact that they decided who would be the jock, the cheerleader, the hot chick, and discussed which two would probably hook up, there weren't any.

I don't know how the producers of this show couldn't have seen the problems that this has the potential of causing. Since the drama isn't scripted how could they have known what was going to happen, right? Wrong. It was inevitable, and they knew it.

But what is it doing to America? Is it wrong for me to be pulling for the Black tribe; for Asians to pull for the Asian tribe and so on? There is no doubt that most people are thinking that way.

How would it look if hypothetically, the all of the black people get voted off first, or any other ethnicity for that matter? Could you imagine what kind of problems that could cause? How can you put 5 people together as a representation of an entire ethnic group?

It's seems like we as American will make a little progress in terms of race, and the acceptance of racial difference, then somebody goes and does something like this. Race is an issue that, if not handled properly, could divide an entire nation. It's not something that should be taken lightly and used carelessly for the sake of ratings, but hey, it could just be me.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major.

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Street sign theft rising

Increase in reports of missing signs linked to return of students

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

A rash of sign theft has recently befallen New Wilmington. Pedestrian, detour, business, street, and stop signs have vanished from their posts jeopardizing town money and security.

"Rebecca's Hair Salon reported a stolen hand-painted, wooden sign valued between 800 to 1,000 dollars," explained Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo. "On September 1, five stop signs were torn out of the ground and discarded by the road."

The first arrest for stolen signs occurred on August 26 and persisted throughout the first few weeks of college classes, with Market Street witnessing most of the vandalism. The rise in sign stealing correlates with the return of college students to New Wilmington, and leads police officials to believe that college students may have perpetrated the crimes. Moreover, police have received word from college students that other college students posses signs.

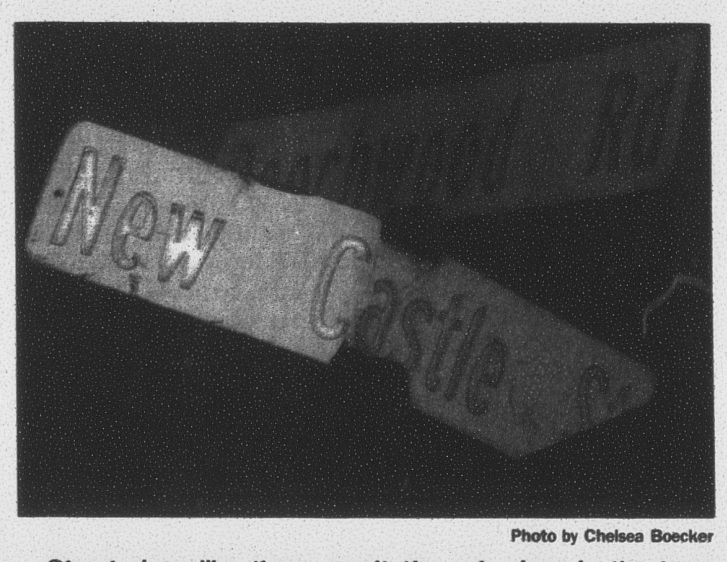
Fortunately, sign stealing seems to have dissipated slightly since IFC addressed the issue at a weekly meeting.

Administered punishments vary and can range from a fine to prison detention, especially if the stolen sign results in an accident. Punishments differ according to the value of the stolen property: property worth less than $50 warrants a third degree misdemeanor, $50-$200 a second degree misdemeanor, and $200-$2,000 a first degree misdemeanor.

State Farm Insurance suffered from the theft.

"It's not a ton of money," explained State Farm Insurance saleswoman Jill A. Jack. "I can remember doing silly things without taking the time to think that those actions affected someone else. But what I found most aggravating is the time taken out of my day to make calls and to run to get signs reprinted and redesigned. There were also people who were new to my business and had appointments that made it difficult to find me."

"I don't understand this mindset of the sign as a souvenir," said Chief Piccirillo. "Traffic control signs are obviously a public safety issue and those with businesses can suffer economically. This type of vandalism is a selfish, immature act that serves no useful purpose."



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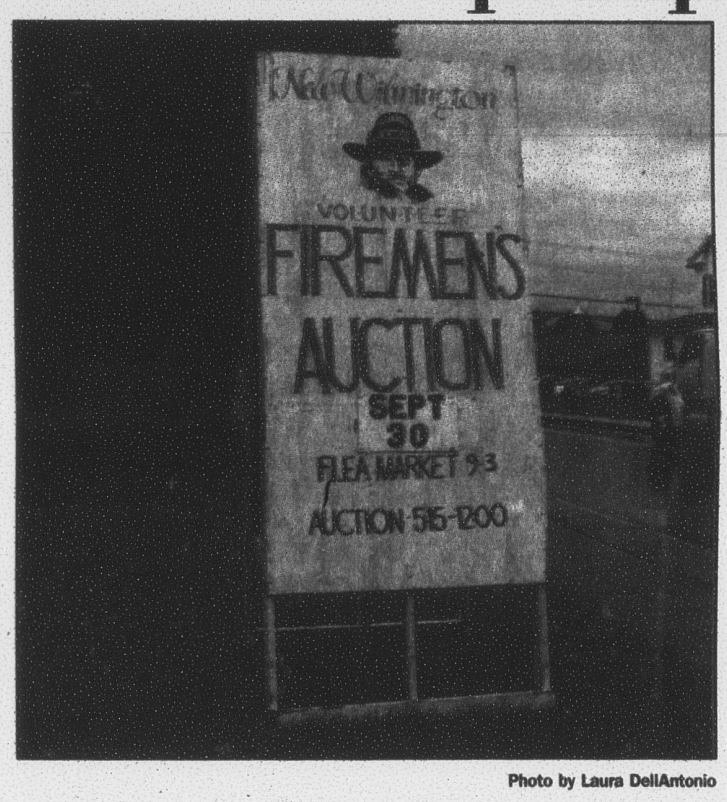
Street signs like these aren't the only signs in the town being stolen. Stop signs are being ripped out of the ground and businesses are losing their signs, too.

Firemen "pumped" for auction



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The fifty-second annual New Wilmington Volunteer Firemen's Auction is Saturday, September 30.

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

The New Wilmington Fire Department will host its annual Fireman's Auction on Saturday at the fire hall in order to raise funds for the department.

The 52nd annual Fireman's Auction and flea market will take place in the main garage located on the corner of Main Street and High Street. The flea market will begin at 9 a.m. and will finish around 3 p.m. The auction will then begin at 5:15 p.m. and will take place outside of the fire hall along High Street. Funds raised by the auction and flea market will help the fire department buy new equipment.

Visitors to the flea market will be able to look through plenty of items. Each year a garage full of items is donated by members of the community.

Shoppers can expect to find everything from "dishes, knick-knacks, toys, golf clubs and lots of tools for the guys," according to Debbie Wagner, this year's auction chairmen and president of the fire department. Students may also find useful items such as bicycles, printers, TVs and books.

There will also be a bake sale with Amish-made doughnuts and ice cream.

Wagner also mentioned that after 2 p.m., shoppers will be able to fill leftover goods from the flea market into grocery bags. Each bag costs only $2.

The auction begins at 5:15 p.m. and will take place under tents set up along High Street. Items such as new and used furniture and other household items will be hauled in on trailers and will then be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

"The auction is always a lot of fun. My friends and I just set up couches and bid on a whole bunch of furniture and stuff. There are also a lot of cool Amish things to buy," junior Ryan Dush said. "I'm definitely going this year."

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Lake area under construction

Working being done to make cross country course suitable for large races

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

Some areas around Lake Brittan have undergone major changes in appearance since last semester in an effort to improve parts of the cross country course.

Construction vehicles have been busy leveling out the hillside along the west side of the lake near the soccer field. Also, trees have been cleared out further along the west bank and also along the south bank in order to widen the path around the lake.

Dirt was also filled in behind the south bank to prevent further erosion. And most recently, a backhoe operator spent the morning of September 6 clearing out an overflowing drain that leads out of the lake, according to Steve Connell, grounds supervisor of the Physical Plant. The debris was then disposed of on the hillside near the bank.

"The lake was about to pour out over the bank," Connell said.

The drain was located near the west bank between the lake and the entrance to the soccer field.

Such actions have led to dramatic changes in appearance in some parts of the lake area, most notably around the south bank.

According to Dr. Gary Lilly, head coach of the cross country teams, the leveling and widening of the areas around Lake Brittan are all efforts put forth towards creating a cross country course more suitable for larger races. This means narrow areas around the lake had to be widened and supported with more dirt.

Students observing the construction of Berlin Village last year may remember seeing dump trucks moving loads of earth from the construction area around Berlin Village down to the lake where it was dumped and leveled around the banks to make wider paths and also provide the south bank with some much needed, additional support.

The physical plant employed Wilson Excavating to carry out the work of moving dirt from the construction area to the lake.

As a result of the replacement of earth from the construction site to the areas around the lake, the grassy hillside along the western and southern banks and the trees along the southwest corner of the lake are now things of the past. Grass has been planted, however, and the lake should be restored to a more recognizable appearance after landscaping.

For now, Dr. Gary Lilly can only hope for agreeable weather for the Sept. 30 cross country invitational at home. The race will be the second cross country event held on

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Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The lake area is under construction to better accomodate cross-country races and keep the lake from overflowing.

Athletic events to get mascot

By Andrew Kubincanek
Campus writer

The cheerleaders and the band will get some backup when the new mascot is unveiled at the pep rally on October 19 in the TUB.

The mascot will be a titan and appear at the home football games. There is a possibility he will be present at basketball games, but appearances at other sports and events have not been planned. The mascot will not attend games until after the pep rally. According to Ashley Carnahan, the head of the SGA Special Events Committee, the costume should arrive within the next two or three weeks. Most of the planning went on at SGA meetings.

"The officers came up with it," Carnahan said.

The SGA officers looked through several catalogs of school spirit products before settling on the trojan costume from Anderson's School Spirit. The trojan is the model most similar to the titan.

Some of the other officers and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne preferred that the mascot's identity remain a mystery, Carnahan said. The titan agreed but had a message for his fellow students.

"I am very excited to be the mascot. I, hopefully, will bring back some school pride. I take pride in Westminster, as all of us should," he said. "Also, even if the team is not doing the greatest, I still want people to come out and cheer, and this is probably one of the best ways to get people in the stands. So hopefully people will come out and see me and cheer on the Titans."

While the mascot's identity is secret, its appearance is not. The multi-piece costume is composed of a tunic under a suit of faux studded-leather armor with bracers. The long face, its teeth bared, is covered by a golden helm with a navy blue plume. The outfit also includes a navy blue cape.

Some color customization was done before the costume was ordered, Carnahan explained. SGA held a vote on the final product before ordering.

"We're officially going to allocate the money from the Plant Fund, the fund that is used for campus improvements, things like this, it has about $6,000 in it," Treasurer Sherri Breitigan said.

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Opinion

Debate regarding YPS has become dead horse

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Someone please explain to me the gist of the YPS debate.

Please.

Actually, scratch that. I have quit caring. Last time I checked, Westminster was a private, PRESBYTERIAN college nestled just within the boundaries of Pennsylvania's fabled "Republican T."

What does that mean? Simple. The Holcad is overflowing with debate over the "discriminatory" nature of a scholarship directed towards students who just happen to have the same denomination as the college. Some say that this hinders our "diversity," others seem to be hinting at Grove City's "private" status, which allows them to run the college as they see fit, even if they do break a couple silly federal laws.

What are my thoughts?

I do not think the editors will allow me to use such vulgarities in my column. Yes, I am contradicting my previous columns, but I am fed-up with this whole "diversity" battle, as based upon YPS.

We go to a private college. Private colleges can dole out financial aid as they see fit. We have more geographic diversity on campus now than I have seen in the past.

Discrimination is a large problem in the world, and in the day-to-day lives of people everywhere. Socio-economic status, gender, race, where you buy your pants, whether or not you have that awesome tattoo of a ninja on your back… all are hindrances if you fail to comply with the image adhered to by whatever facility is in question.

I digress, as this is "Piece of Mind" and not "Political Pong."

I will continue to rant, however, on the topic that there is something objectionable about Westminster recruiting Presbyterians. Westminster is a PRESBYTERIAN school, people!

Why not complain about something worthwhile, for a change? How about tuition rising faster than the national average? How about non-percentage scholarships that may or may not be adjusted to compensate for higher costs?

Or perhaps the death of the dollar menu in the TUB? Or the fact that morons keep rolling the Information Systems golf cart (the student body pays for that, you realize)? How about the condition of the dormitories? Or ever popular Greek versus non-Greek debate?

It is good to see people all riled up and arguing over an issue. There is a point, however, when you should agree to disagree and pick a new battle.

If it angers you that you, a straight-A student who happens to not be Presbyterian is getting less money than one who is, consider this: there are scholarships out there for you, if you just happened to look. We cannot just assume that Westminster will give us money if we happen to be Methodist/Catholic/Brethren/Lutheran/Muslim/Jewish/etc.

Get off your duff and look for a scholarship similar to YPS. They are out there. And if you object that you aren't being treated as an equal so far as religion is concerned, check out some other schools, such as Thiel or Duquesne, that will match your denomination more appropriately. I am sure that you will be treated as more of an equal than the Presbyterians there.

Bill is a senior computer information systems major. He enjoys tea, ska, cheesy science fiction and napping at inopportune moments.

College, students could use time, money more efficiently

By John Buco
Guest columnist

I have some concerns with the recent goings on in two areas of students' lives: time and money.

As all students know, time and money are things we often do not have. Yet, the school continues to present road blocks to use either efficiently.

Let's take money first.

I recently had a conversation with a student who had to get the school to write him a check for fifty cents because of an account policy. It may seem penny-pinching for the student, but last time I checked, fifty cents is still fifty cents. The college is losing on the deal too, because the cost to process the check is higher than the amount of the check.

Idea: Develop a better system.

I have encountered other issues with school accounts personally. I was very excited this year when I was informed that I would be going to Spain in December. I paid my deposit and was on my way. But, when I went to register for classes, they told me that I was required to take a 2 credit course because I was signed up for the trip. That put me up to 24 credits.

Here is an item that takes up our time. Just because I want to take the trip should not mean that the business office requires me to sign up for the class. They're still going to get their money.

Why can't things just be simpler?

The last penny-pinching item I want to address is Sodexho.

I observed today that we are not allowed to take more than 4 packages of saltines with soup, or we have to pay for them. This may seem reasonable to some people, but putting a limit on crackers that cost virtually nothing? Come on.

In addition to something so small, have you noticed that a fruit cup costs $2.25? Twelve pieces of fruit for over $2?! It seems that you have all these signs to encourage us to eat healthy, but when we try it costs us an arm and a leg. We've heard the age-old story of being overcharged for food at school, but this was just the "straw that broke the camel's back" for me.

Now that we've addressed money, let's move on to time.

Time is something that students don't have a whole lot of. When they need to do something, it needs to get done so the student can move on to something else.

Professors ask why students are so tired during class. The students reply that they were up until 4 a.m. working on a paper or project. When asked why, the students have to reply that they did not have the time to do it during the day.

Why? There are a few reasons.

One, let's a take a walk. I'm writing this letter in the library computer lab. It is 4:53 p.m.. I would have liked to have written it earlier this afternoon, but this particular lab was closed for six hours so Inquiry students could come in and do work. This is all well and good. Inquiry students need time to do their library work too.

But, what do I see when I look in the window? Two people sitting at computers…2! But we can't use the lab because it is reserved.

I thought nothing of it until I went to Patterson computer lab and found similar issues. From 12:50 p.m. all the way to 5:00pm, a different class was using the lab. At 7:00pm, the football team takes over the lab for 2 hours. I mean no disrespect to them, because that is their prerogative. However, couple that with all the other classes, and you've got a big problem.

Thompson-Clark lab? Same thing.

During the 3 years that I have been here, the Old Main computer lab has been replaced with a classroom, the Hoyt lab is no longer used as a standard lab, and now the other labs always have classes in them.

Where can I go to do my computer work?

You may say that the library has other computers, but they are not equipped with all the software needed for me to complete my work. I don't have the luxuries of SPSS, MiniTab, and the Adobe programs.

However, just like the institution has a responsibility to us, we have a responsibility to be the best we can for the institution.

Maybe if we do that, the institution will finally start listening to us and change some of the policies and fix some of the problems for the better.

Maybe if we utilized the computer labs we have, students would have an easier time getting their work done and getting the rest that they need.

Another reason students do their work into the early hours of the morning: lack of motivation. This time, though, I'm going to pin the responsibility on the students.

If you choose to go into a field, you may not like everything about it, and you may not find it interesting. However, waiting till the last minute and using panic to fortify motivation is not the best course of action. I am just as guilty as anyone with procrastination. I've been waiting three days to write this article. (To be honest, seeing the limit on crackers pushed me over the edge.)

However, just like the institution has a responsibility to us, we have a responsibility to be the best we can for the institution.

Maybe if we do that, the institution will finally start listening to us and change some of the policies and fix some of the problems for the better.

I understand that certain things can never change. But, often times, change isn't explored, it is ignored. And honestly, that's when people like me get pretty pissed off.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Life Outside of Amish Paradise: An Academic Debate?

"'Can you talk about an instance in the last few years that you worked in a diverse group?' I shuddered." - Ray Walling (Ann Arbor, MI)

Perhaps if Ray used Kevin Oshnock's description of diversity in last week's Holcad he would have had no problem fielding this question. On the other hand, it is unlikely he would be able to apply successfully this rationale in a professional interview. Diversity encapsulates much more than trying to match certain characteristics of a select group of neighboring counties, which are only representative of the world if you plan to live in those few counties.

Oshnock also suggested that the College should "promote" Christianity by recruiting Christians instead of actively pursuing members of other religious faiths (i.e. "more Muslims"). Imagine the consequences if Westminster decided, in order to promote Christianity, to hire only Presbyterian professors. While neighboring Grove City College dabbles in this dangerous business, Westminster generally hires faculty based on their teaching and research qualifications and not their religious affiliation. Why should such a religious litmus test be applied to students?

Perhaps we were among the last class to remember the College as loosely affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (as described when we toured Westminster) instead of what some today label a "Presbyterian College." The liberal arts must not be sacrificed to a single type of student. Last year, Professor Rennie made an eloquent case for this all-encompassing concept of diversity. He closed by asking if using such an overwhelming amount of College resources was "an accurate representation of reality" that would "enhance the educational experience of our students" (Holcad, 5/5/06).

Maybe we should take the suggestion to step into the sunset of this debate and complacently forward a check to Westminster every year without keeping a close eye on its direction.

Several students have mistaken our desire for an intellectual debate for "complaining" and one even resorted to an online threat.

However, James Sharcot pointed at what has always been our larger point, the decline of Westminster's liberal arts tradition and its academic integrity. We can't consciously let Westminster become a "business school", "trade school" (Sharcot's terms), or even "13th grade" (as described by others).

Therefore, we choose another path and will continue to write with hopes of improving our alma mater.

Ben Nelson and Ray Walling
Class of 2006

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Westminster's concepts, ideals of diversity ill-defined

I am a first-year graduate student at Columbia University and would like to address Westminster's delusional definition of diversity. My intention is not to be harsh or overly critical, but realistic. I didn't know what diversity was either until I graduated.

Diversity is not defined by simply geographic location, difference in religion, or the color of your skin. The diversity I'm talking about is culture. It's not about the number of Protestants versus Catholics there are on campus. I am talking about the fact that Westminster has basically ZERO cultural difference on campus. Westminster does a terrible job of bringing people of different background together, which is pretty hypocritical given the intent of Inquiry.

The world is becoming smaller. There are about 200 students in my graduate program. Maybe ten are from the United States. The others are from Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Pakistan, France, Germany, etc. It may sound extreme, but it is reality. Throughout your career you probably will have to deal with people from different backgrounds other than your own. These may be coworkers, clients, or bosses. And chances are, when you meet these people who are different than yourself, it is an experience you will Westminster does very little to prepare us for them.

Being around different cultures enriches you with something that Westminster can't: learning how to be tolerant, learning how to accept people different than yourself, learning how to converse with someone not fluent in your language, etc. Did you know Taiwanese students who do not pass a certain test are not allowed to go to college? Did you know that many foreign students are fluent multiple languages? I met a student whose parents never let her drive (despite the fact that they had a car) because she was female. Many students I have met have sacrificed a lot. They don't get to see their families, and many may not return home. Some want to marry an American simply so that they can stay. Sound extreme? It should. We don't get to see it very often at Westminster.

Lastly, I leave you with some advice from a wise professor: "If you come to college, and remain unchanged, that is a tragedy, a complete waste of your time spent in college. No one should remain unchanged after college. Your beliefs might remain the same, but your perception of those beliefs should not."

Christie Grewe
Class of 2006

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REGIONAL

Slots licenses approved

Four Pennsylvania racetracks to add machines soon

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Gambling regulators on Wednesday approved the first slot-machine licenses in Pennsylvania, clearing the way for four racetracks to add thousands of machines.

The seven-member Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board unanimously approved licenses for Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, just outside Wilkes-Barre; Philadelphia Park in Bensalem; Harrah's Chester Casino & Racetrack; and Penn National Race Course near Harrisburg.

The Poconos track was the first of the state's six horse-racing tracks to win approval and, coincidentally, is expected to be the first one to open its slot-machine parlor.

Another track _ The Meadows in suburban Pittsburgh _ is expected to receive approval for a conditional license Wednesday. The state's sixth track _ Presque Isle Downs, under construction near Erie _ is likely to hear about its fate at a later date.

Talented, intelligent sea lion paints for fish at Pittsburgh Zoo

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Some artists suffer for their work. Maggie, an 11-year-old sea lion at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, gets to eat dead fish for hers.

Kesha Phares, a zoo trainer, has been teaching the animal to paint since last year.

"It's, in a way, enriching," Phares told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for Wednesday's editions. "Sea lions are very smart animals, and painting keeps their minds active."

It took three months to get the animal to hold a paint brush and touch the bristles to paper.

Phares picks the paint colors _ sea lions are colorblind _ and puts paint on the brush. The paintings are done one stroke at a time, with Maggie getting a fish after each stroke.

If the animal can be said to have a style, it is this: She tends to put more paint on the right side of the canvas than the left.

NATIONAL

T.O.'s Suicide Attempt

Police: Dallas Cowboys receiver tried to kill himself

DALLAS (AP) - Flamboyant Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens tried to kill himself by overdosing on pain medication, even putting two more pills into his mouth after a friend intervened, according to a police report obtained Wednesday.

The report said Owens was asked by rescue workers "if he was attempting to harm himself, at which time (he) stated, `Yes.'"

The Dallas police report said the 32-year-old Owens told his friend "that he was depressed." Details of the police report were first reported by WFAA-TV.

Police Lt. Rick Watson said during a brief news conference that he could only confirm that paramedics called police to say they were taking Owens to the hospital. He said no more details would come from the police because no laws were broken.

"This is a high-profile person. We looked into it and we determined it is not a criminal offense," Watson said. "This a medical type of situation that occurred."

Watson and fire department spokesman Joel Lavender cited privacy laws for the lack of information they could provide. Lavender said more details could come from the 911 call. The Associated Press filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act to get the contents of the call.

"Let's just look at the tape, review the tape," Lavender said. "I'll give you an honest answer once I know something."

At the police news conference, Watson released a version of the police narrative with certain sections blacked out. The full report was obtained by several news outlets and reported first by WFAA. The AP received the full version from WFAA.

The friend, who is not identified in the report, "noticed that (his) prescription pain medication was empty and observed (Owens) putting two pills in his mouth," the police report said. The friend attempted to pry them out with her fingers, then was told by Owens that before this incident he'd taken only five of the 40 pain pills in the bottle he'd emptied.

According to the police report, Dallas Fire and Rescue was called regarding someone "attempting suicide by prescription pain medication." Officers arrived to find Owens being stabilized by ambulance workers, who then took him to Baylor University Medical Center.

Owens was hospitalized late Tuesday because of what his publicist said was an allergic reaction to pain medicine he was taking for a broken hand. Doctors reportedly tried to induce vomiting.

Owens, one of the league's top receivers during his 11-year NFL career, is best known for wild stunts on the field and other publicity-seeking antics off it.

When the Cowboys signed him to a $25 million, three-year deal in March, they said their background checks indicated no red flags. In fact, team consultant Calvin Hill _ who mostly deals with troubled players _ said during training camp that his department was not involved with Owens because he didn't have a history of those kinds of problems.

He missed most of training camp, and three of four preseason games, because of a hamstring injury. He was late for work during his recovery and was fined for it, but Owens laughed it off, saying he overslept. He said it had happened before, though not with Dallas, and would probably happen again.

Owens broke the bone leading to his right ring finger during a game a week ago Sunday. The next day, doctors screwed in a plate so the bone could heal without fear of further damage. Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said last week that the pain medicine made Owens ill.

Owens had not practiced since the injury, but because Dallas had a bye this past weekend he did not miss a game. He was expected to practice Wednesday, and Parcells had said there was a chance Owens could play Sunday against Tennessee.

Owens had been especially looking forward to the Cowboys' game after that _ Oct. 8, in Philadelphia, against the team that dumped him midway through last season only months after he helped them nearly win the Super Bowl.

Owens was seen laughing and joking on the practice field Tuesday morning. He chatted briefly with reporters in the locker room in the afternoon and seemed fine. A 2-inch scar on the top of his hand was puffy but not wrapped, and he said the swelling was going down.

While in the locker room, he took a pill from a white paper bag and looked at another medicine bottle that was in the bag. He also called a business partner about a towel-wrap venture they're starting and joked to TV cameras that he wasn't talking until Wednesday and today was only Tuesday.

"My little boy knows better than that," he said, laughing, as he plopped onto a sofa in the middle of the locker room.

Also Tuesday, Owens was involved in launching a national campaign for the National Alliance to End Abuse, an organization aimed at helping at-risk youngsters. He appeared at a high school Tuesday morning and was scheduled to visit others but had to cancel because of changes in the team's practice schedule.

A hospital spokeswoman said early Wednesday there was no patient registered as Terrell Owens, although federal privacy laws allow people to block their name from being released. Owens' publicist and agent, and the Cowboys, did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press. No teammates or Cowboys officials were seen entering the hospital late Tuesday night.

Owens has played two games for the Cowboys, catching nine passes for 99 yards and a touchdown.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Campus Security Officer Hospitalized after Assault

New Wilmington police continue investigating an altercation at an off-campus fraternity house over the weekend that sent a Westminster campus security officer to the hosptial. New Wilmington police chief Carmen Piccirillo says a campus security officer was injured in an incident at the Alpha Sigma Phi house. The chief says no arrests have been made at this time. Piccirillo says the injured officer was treated and released from the hospital. An investigation into other assaults that occurred at the same scene are also underway.

High School Student Linked to Threat Hoax at SRU

State police say no crime was committed when rumors spread on Monday that someone would shoot black students at Slippery Rock University. Troopers say the rumors started across the street from SRU at the local high school. That's where they say a teenager made up the story to impress his girlfriend.

The rumors caused most of SRU's 8,200 students to avoid classes on Monday and forced the university to beef up security. University officials say they took the threat seriously in the wake of the recent shooting at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh that wounded five basketball players.

INTERNATIONAL

Indonesian mud volcano forces 3,000 families to relocate

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Indonesia will resettle more than 3,000 families whose houses have been swamped by mud surging from a gas exploration site and will dump the sludge into the sea to avoid more destruction, the government said Wednesday.

The mud appeared after an accident occurred deep in a drilling shaft on the seismically charged island of Java. It now covers more than 665 acres and is currently being contained by an ever-expanding network of dams that are breached almost daily.

Public Works Minister Djoko Kirmanto said efforts to cap the so-called mud volcano would continue until scientists concluded there was no chance of stopping the sludge, which has been streaming from the ground at a rate of 1.7 million cubic feet a day for nearly four months.

In the meantime, the mud will be dumped in the sea and more than 3,000 families would be resettled on the orders of the president because the land "was no longer fit for human habitation," he said.

The environment minister, who had earlier threatened to block efforts to dispose of the mud in the sea on grounds it might kill the fish, said the mud was not toxic and that he now supported the plan.

Police have said they intend to file criminal charges against nine employees from gas exploration company Lapindo Brantas, alleging its drilling activities caused the torrent and that its response was inadequate.

The company argues seismic activity might have caused the mud to break the surface.

Basuki Hadi Muljono, the head of a government team dealing with the disaster, said resettling the families and disposing of the mud would cost at least $162 million.

The costs would be born by Lapindo, not the government, he said.

Experts say the mud volcano is one of the largest ever recorded on land. The mud is believed to come from a reservoir more than 3 1/2 miles underground that has been pressurized by tectonic activity or by the accumulation of hydrocarbon gases.

The company is trying to stem the flow by pumping in concrete, but geologists fear it is unstoppable. They say the mud could stop on its own anytime _ or keep flowing for years to come.

Earlier Wednesday, protesters dumped a truckload of the mud outside the offices of Welfare Ministry Aburizal Bakrie to demand he do more to help the some 10,000 people displaced. Bakrie's family owns Lapindo.

"This is out of control and not enough is being done to stop it," said Emmy Hafild, executive director of Greenpeace Southeast Asia, the environmental group that held the protest. "Bakrie should not run away from his responsibilities."

Political Pong: The Death Penalty

Get out your firearms, ammunition, and load the cannons. It's time to talk about the death penalty.

After a couple of humorous articles, Carsen and I decided that this week we'd actually do our job and write about, well, genuine political issues. Unlike some of the last articles, Carsen and I actually disagree. No need to put on your protective armor readers, I'm all against the death penalty.

I am going to list a couple of countries for you, and I want you to think about how these countries are generally viewed in the eyes of the world in terms of human rights. Iraq. India. China. Saudi Arabia. United States. It seems like the United States would be the outlier in this situation; however, the United States has one thing in common with all these countries. Capital punishment is still a legal form of punishment in every one of these countries.

Most civilized countries have banned the death penalty because it is cruel and unusual punishment. It is viewed as barbaric and inhumane. People for capital punishment argue that the way people are put to death in the United States is humane; however, that argument should be null because there is nothing humane about putting someone to death.

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Another argument in favor of the death penalty is that it deters crime. Here's a simple example of why this isn't true. Were there more murders in the 1950s or the 1990s? Obviously, the answer is the 1990s. In fact, it's probably safe to say that each decade from 1950 to 2000 saw an increase in the number of murders per decade. Capital punishment was a legal punishment in every one of those decades yet the number of murders increased.

Because interest groups create the statistics for the percentage increase or decrease in murders each year, true statistics are hard to find. Undeniably though, if people intend to commit murder, they will do it regardless of whether or not they could receive the death penalty for their crime. Clearly, the death penalty does not deter murder.

There is one argument that people make that I just cannot understand. How can someone be FOR the death penalty and AGAINST abortion? It doesn't make sense. If it's wrong to kill a fetus, then isn't it wrong to kill a person too? Many people who are for capital punishment but against abortion make the argument that the fetus is innocent, but the person being put to death is guilty of a crime. This shouldn't matter because killing is still wrong.

Even if the person is found guilty of a crime, there have been many cases where the guilty party was executed and later found to be innocent. Mistakes do happen in the justice system. Putting someone in jail for his or her crime is an action that can be reversed simply by removing that person from jail. Once someone is executed, it's pretty hard to bring him or her back to life. In fact, it's impossible.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Okay kids, it's time to get serious. An age old debate has reared its ugly head: the death penalty. You might wonder what prompted such a topic. It may not seem relevant right now, but the death penalty is a never ending political and moral battle. It affects everyone at some point in their lives, whether you're following a case or you're more closely involved in it.

The Republican party often finds itself labeled "immoral" on this one. Of course. We're the pro-gun rednecks from Texas who recklessly kill anyone who gets in our way.

That's simply not true. There is a sound argument if you're willing to listen to it. I could go on about this for hours and will if you ask me. But for now, I'll just give a quick overview.

First and foremost: the Constitution. The Fifth Amendment states, "No persons shall be held to answer for a capital...crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury...nor be deprived of life...without the due process of law." One of the major arguments against the death penalty is claiming it is a "cruel and unusual punishment," a provision of the eighth amendment. The document clearly provides for the death penalty as a

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

punishment, eliminating such an argument. If the founding fathers considered the death penalty cruel or immoral they would not have included it in its own section of the Constitution.

Secondly, the death penalty is the highest form of punishment anyone could even possibly see as moral. Justice must be done somehow. I'm not suggesting an eye for an eye; if a murderer rapes and tortures his victim before she dies, I don't believe we can morally do the same to him. But in order for the victim's family and those around her to find justice, a similar punishment must be incurred. Society can do something to help the family come to terms with the horrible crime done to them.

Third: deterrence and prevention. Death penalty advocates say keeping the death penalty around discourages potential felons from committing crimes. Recent studies both prove and disprove this claim. But even if deterrence doesn't occur, a death sentence provides peace of mind that the criminal has no chance of returning to society. Can't jump the fence if you're dead, right? It is the most effective way to completely protect society from a harmful individual.

Fourth, and my personal favorite: when an individual decides to kill another individual, he or she forfeits the right to life. As John Locke said, we live in a state of liberty, not a state of license. Citizens are not allowed to do what they want, when they want. There are certain inalienable rights every human being is guaranteed. The right to life is one of them. When someone takes away another human's right to life, they too lose that right. The death penalty is a sure fire way to make sure their right to life is revoked.

Bottom line? The death penalty is the only definite way to make sure at least one individual at a time never commits a heinous crime again.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Burry Stadium gets new speakers

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Those on campus last week found it hard to ignore the periods of blaring music that could be heard from just about anywhere on and around the premises.

Questions were asked as to where exactly the high-decibel melodies were coming from. Some thought Beeghley Theater; others thought maybe a car with a booming base.

According to Chief Engineer Chuck Chirozzi, the music was, in fact, a state of the art sound system newly installed for Burry Stadium.

Chirozzi, who works for the communications department and installs/repairs all the audio and visual equipment for the school, admitted that the system is top-notch and unique to this area.

"No other college in the area has a system like this, including the Pittsburgh area," Chrozzi said. "These things are fantastic."

The highlighting feature of the system is the two mammoth-sized speakers installed above the scoreboard. According to Chirozzi, they weigh 167 lbs each, are more than six feet long by three feet wide and are made out of 100 percent fiberglass and it took almost fourteen hours to correctly install them.

Chirozzi helped install the speakers and admitted that he was the first one to try them out.

"I was sort of 'romping' them at first," Chirozzi said. "A friend of mine, who is a policeman in the area and heard the music, thought his daughter had her stereo up too loud, but when he realized that she wasn't home, he didn't know what to think."

The speakers were designed specifically for clarity and sound throw in NFL stadiums.

Chirozzi boasts that the closest place to have the same caliber of speakers as the college is Fawcett Stadium at the NFL Football Hall of Fame located in Canton, Ohio.

The last time the sound system was updated was in 1988 when a mediocre system was installed and expected to be only "temporary."

"We've been needing a new system around here for a long time," Chirozzi said. "The old system just wasn't cutting it."

A system of this quality was no doubt costly. According to head football coach, Jeff Hand, the Tower Titan Organization (TTO) was instrumental in donating funds for the new system.

The Director of Athletics, Jim Dafler feels that the new system is a step in a positive direction for Titan athletics.

"I know that, not so much volume, but clarity, has been an issue for fans and players during games," Dafler said. "I think the new speakers address this issue perfectly and are a huge step forward for the athletic department."

Dafler also pointed out that the new speakers are cleverly positioned above the scoreboard as opposed to near the stands. This will avoid one group of people being too close to the sounds, while someone else is too far away.

The system is capable of hosting a lot of high-tech equipment, but according to Chirozzi, they only purchased what they needed. One new feature is a wireless microphone for the press box. Coming soon is an attachable microphone for the referee to specify fouls as they occur.

"I'm still working on that one," Chirozzi said.

Dollar store franchise opens just outside borough

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

The opening of a new Dollar General just minutes from campus has been a welcome convenience for both students and community residents.

According to a Dollar General employee who wished to remain anonymous, the community has been nothing but welcoming to this new business: "There have [been] no negative comments, only that people are happy we are here."

College students have become an important clientele for the store, and workers frequently see students coming in to buy ever-important dorm living essentials, such as shampoo and deodorant.

Senior Angela Donnell was amazed at the amount of home décor available at the new Dollar General.

"There was a lot of nice stuff that looked like it could have been from Wal-Mart," Donnell said.

She is also very fond of Dollar General's selection of VHS tapes which are two for $5.

Junior Lindsey Townsend welcomes the new business because, unlike Wal-Mart, "you can walk to it if you need to."

The new Dollar General has also been welcomed by members of the Amish community. At almost any time of the day, horses and buggies are hitched in the parking lot alongside cars.

Dollar General employees commented that the Amish love the new store and have been known to clear the store's shelves of items such as sugar and ice cream.

Because the store is a franchise, there is no specific owner of the New Wilmington location. "We get what corporate sends us," said an employee, and unlike local mom-and-pop stores, no special orders can be made.

Dollar General pioneered the dollar store concept in 1955, opening retail stores that sold all items for $1. Though customers today find more expensive items, thirty percent of Dollar General's merchandise is still priced at $1 or less.

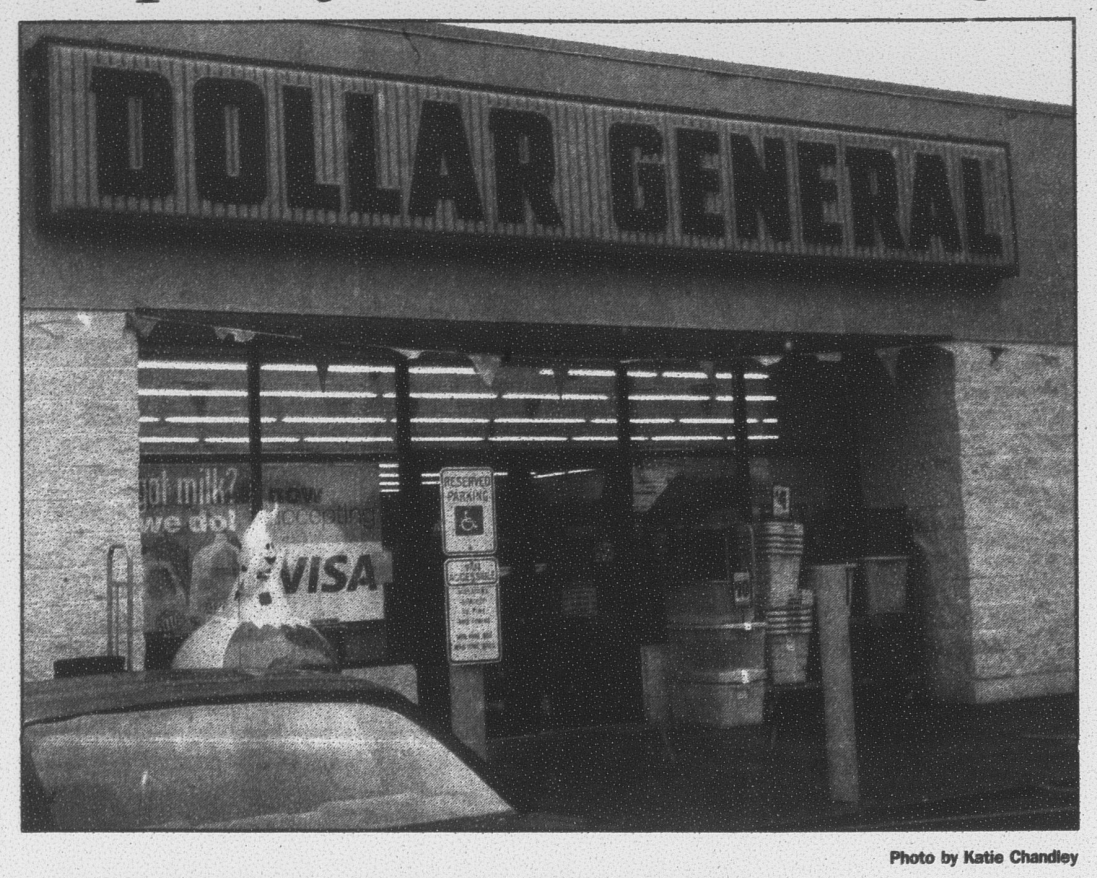

Photo by Katie Chandley

The new Dollar General is located on Rt. 158 past Theta Chi.

Basketball for breast cancer

Sorority aims to raise money for awareness, research

By Zach Marsh
Campus writer

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority has a commitment to raising funds and awareness for breast cancer, and the sisters want this community to shoot for their cause.

The event is Shoot for the Cause, and it is Zeta Tau Alpha's philanthropy event for raising money for breast cancer. It will be held on Sunday, October 8 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Field House gymnasium. Shoot for the Cause consists of a basketball tournament in which teams of three from ages six and older sign up and play against one another.

"I really want to make this a big event and my hope is that it continues to get bigger in the future," Joelle Wells, president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, said.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha have been working vigorously to put this event together, using their passion for the cause to motivate them. Preparation and planning has been going on since April of last semester by collecting donations from sponsors around the community. The sisters have been able to raise $2,500 from sponsors from Ohio to Pittsburgh.

"It has been really moving to see how helpful the community has been for such a worthy cause," Ashley Ray, VPI of the Programming Council, said. "It really means a lot to see how much everyone else cares."

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha have worked hard on getting public relations out to the public by printing thousands of flyers, speaking at each of the 10 fraternity and sorority meetings on campus and putting out a press release for radio stations and newspapers around the area.

"We feel so strongly about our philanthropy because it has touched each sister's life in some way, shape or form," Kailtin Summers, co-coordinator for Shoot for the Cause, said.

Those who do not wish to participate in the basketball tournament are still welcome to come by and pay a $1 donation at the door. Inside, there will be a bake sale, a Chinese auction and a DJ.

The sisters thought that it was a good idea to get the other Greek organizations involved in the event as well. Therefore, Zeta Tau Alpha is allowing each fraternity and sorority that wants to be involved set up a booth for their philanthropy.

"I think that this event is going to be a blast, and it also allows the people in our community to see us students working hard for a good cause," Dan O'Keefe, president of Theta Chi fraternity, said.

Questions regarding this event, should be directed to Joelle Wells, Kaitlin Summers or Val Sylves.

Gov. Rendell to speak

Other state and federal candidates invited to speak, as well

By Janie Ingersoll
Campus writer

With elections in sight, College Republicans and SGA have been arranging for a possible visit from Governor Edward Rendell, as well as other politicians.

President of College Republicans Emily Herzing and SGA's Academic Affairs Committee member Lee Scott have been busy trying to contact potential politicians to participate in what could be governor appearances and a senatorial debate. Formal invitations have been sent out to gubernatorial candidates Democrat Edward Rendell and Republican Lynn Swann, and also candidates for United States Senate Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Rick Santorum.

"I would expect an excellent turnout from the campus and community at this event," junior Steven Ruperto, president of the College Democrats said. "I would definitely expect a lot of members from political organizations to attend."

Governor Rendell, who is up for re-election in November, is the only politician so far to accept his invitation to speak on campus. He was quick to commit because of his connection with Herzing, who was a former public liaison intern for his office. His visit has not been scheduled, but Herzing believes it will happen when he's in the New Wilmington area. Rendell has requested that he speak about his platform individually and not in a debate form.

When the date is finalized, the free event will be open to the public. Following Rendell's presentation will be a question and answer session, along with refreshments provided by the College Republicans.

"I hope this event will provide information about the candidates for those who didn't already know," Herzing said. "By seeing and hearing them in person, I hope [the audience] will get a real feel for who the candidates are."

As for Swann, he has agreed to visit campus only if his plans of organizing a campaign tour through Pennsylvania turn out. Herzing is doubtful of those plans because elections are nearing quickly and no arrangements have been made yet. However, if Swann does tour, our campus will be the first stop.

"I don't think it matters whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, hearing these politicians talk in person would be really interesting," junior Dan Watson said. "I also think it would draw a lot of attention from people outside campus, which would be good for our school."

Organizers are still waiting to hear from Santorum and Casey, who were invited to participate in a senatorial debate.

College Republicans and SGA recommend that people on campus watch for announcements about the finalized date so that everyone has an opportunity to attend.

Student Affairs welcomes new staff member

Photo by Amanda Miller

Gina Vance is the new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs: Residence Life and Leadership Development.

By Amanda Conway
Campus writer

Student Affairs welcomed a new face this year, Assistant Dean Gina Vance.

Vance, who hails from Struthers Ohio, has been making a great impression on campus so far this year.

"Gina was so helpful with my roommate and I when we needed to move to another room," sophomore Allyson Koerner said.

"I couldn't believe how fast she made the switch!"

Vance's full title here is Assistant Dean of Student Affairs: Residence Life and Leadership Development.

In other words, she oversees everything that goes on in the Residence Life Department.

She is in charge of room changes, makes sure student facilities are taken care of, that dorm rooms are furnished, she matches roommates, and helped with the tail-end of the Berlin Townhouses construction.

Vance had a lot of experience in the residence life department before she came here.

She spent six years at Ursulin College and another year at Baldwin Wallace College.

She needed a bigger challenge, and thus, New Wilmington became her new home.

Vance also has some large ideas to improve the quality of life for incoming freshman.

Student Affairs has recognized the growing popularity of internet social networks such as MySpace and Facebook.

She and Student Affairs are looking for a way to allow incoming freshman to meet each other online and assist in roommate-selection- making it more personal to the students.

Nothing has started on that project yet, but it is one of the things that may be available in the future.

She also would like to make more leadership positions available to students outside of the Residence Life Staff, such as the student Desk Sitters.

Auction

NWFD to purchase new tanker with proceeds

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Wagner estimated that around 500 people attend the Fireman's Auction each year. Last year, the auction raised nearly $60,000. This year, the fire department hopes to use the funds from Saturday to buy a new pumper tanker, an all-purpose vehicle that can perform the dual roles of water transport and on-the-spot fire fighting. The vehicle will enable the fire department to fight fires in rural as well as urban settings.

SGA NOTES

SGA minutes 9-28-06

- SGA day, October 9th, is underway: t-shirts, pizza, donuts, golf carts, and many other exciting things have been ordered.
- Allison Chlebowski was elected to be on the Smoke Free Task Force committee.
- SGA will be co-sponsoring the Pajama Jam with the Black Student Union on October 7th from 10-2 pm in the Berlin Lounge, no one opposed.
- IOR is playing on September 29 in the Berlin lounge at 10pm.
- An amendment to prohibit publication theft at Westminster College, no one opposed.

Publication theft is prohibited at Westminster College. A person commits the offense of publication theft when he or she willfully or knowingly obtains or exerts unauthorized control over a more than reasonable number of copies of an edition of a publication distributed on campus, with the intent to prevent other individuals from reading that edition of the publication. Publications protected are Argo, Scrawl, The Holcad, Westminster Magazine, admissions materials, and department newsletters. In addition to the imposition of other campus or outside law enforcement disciplinary penalties, a person who violates this provision may be responsible for compensating the publication for all reasonable costs incurred.

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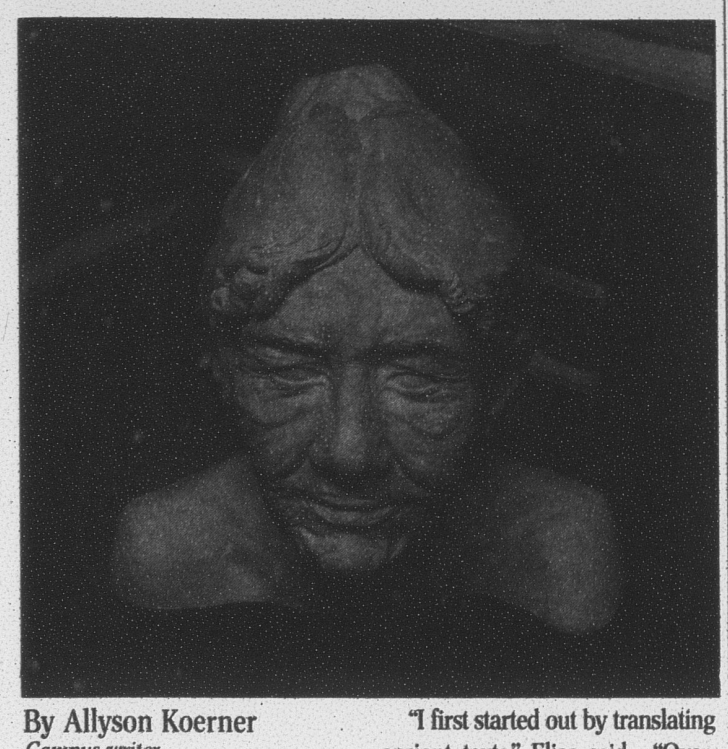
Egyptologist speaks on field, mummy



By Allyson Koerner
Campus writer

Dr. Jonathan Elias, an Egyptologist and museum exhibit developer, came to campus on Thursday, Sept. 19, and discussed his mummy expertise.

Mummies are a direct link to the human past and can provide answers to the mysteries of the past.

"I am really interested in history, so it was fascinating to hear all about mummies and Egyptian history," sophomore Stephanie Niziol said.

Last year, the mummy Pesed was publicly unveiled by Elias on campus and is located in Mack Science Library, which is in Hoyt Science Center.

Discovered in Akhmim, Egypt, Elias and the Akhmim Mummy Studies Consortium have learned the mysteries of who Pesed was. The purpose of AMSC is to collect and analyze the past of Akhmim through the discovery of mummies.

Through the use of radio-carbon dating, x-ray images and digital processing, the perfect portrait three-dimensional model of Pesed was created. Elias and AMSC have also performed such acts on other mummies that have been discovered in Akhmim. This rapid prototyping can put a face back on people who have died and been forgotten.

Antiques have always fascinated Elias, which is why he became interested in the history of the past.

"I first started out by translating ancient texts," Elias said. "Overtime I became introduced to the field of mummy studies."

Mummies and their link to the human past can provide answers that have been a mystery to archeologists for quite sometime.

Elias also strongly urges the multiple career choices that are available in the world of museums today. Museum photography and the creation of museum interactions and display cases are just a few of the fields that can be chosen for future jobs.

"It was interesting for me as a history major to see all of the options that are available after graduation," junior Kial Vidic said.

No matter the extremes, Elias stresses to everyone to find and like the career choice made in the future. He, himself, found his true calling after graduating with a master's and doctorate from the University of Chicago.

From excavating in the Middle East to becoming trained in Egyptian linguistics and archeology he has come upon his dream job.

In the spring or possibly sometime next year, Elias will be back to put on a colloquium for what goes into museum related careers.

Panhel, college working to make sorority chapter rooms accessible

By Heather MacKenzie
Campus writer

There are many places on campus that are still not handicap-accessible, and the sorority chapter rooms in Ferguson are some of the major areas that have not yet been changed to meet current standards.

One problem that could arise from this out-of-date building is discrimination. The Americans with Disabilities Act provides for non-discrimination and handicapped accessibility in public and private colleges. The ADA thus requires that sororities on campus provide access to the sorority affairs in a way accessible to all. Although the ADA has strict building codes for new structures that are being built, it does not have any requirements saying that the buildings built before the law was formed need to be handicap- accessible.

"I have a great concern for it because I've dealt with handicapped children in my past, and I believe in equality for everyone," junior Brittany Rosko said. "I'm in a sorority, and I know it would be hard on a sister if she did not have the same rights as the others."

Bonnie Van Bruggen, the director of disability support services, says that there are numerous people working to find a solution to this problem. A Panhellenic Council meeting on September 20 announced that there cannot be any sorority-related functions for new members in the chapter rooms in order to discourage discrimination against those who cannot, for health reasons, make it to the basement.

"The college has been spending thousands of dollars in improvements every year, but we don't have millions, so we just keep working at doing our very best," Van Bruggen said. "The students, faculty, administrators and trustees all want this."

The chapter room is an important part of each sorority because it provides a common place for all of the sisters. The room is used for awards, meetings, and as a hangout for the sisters, among other functions.

"The chapter room is like the house of the fraternity," junior Carsen Nesbitt said.

The accessibility of the chapter rooms has become a problem now because of the growing handicapped population on campus. The campus community has been working diligently to point out areas where handicapped accessibility could be improved, and every year the administration makes what changes are possible, as budget allows. Until the chapter rooms become handicap-accessible, meetings and other events will be held elsewhere.

Bees, other insects invade dorm

By Melissa Murphy
Campus writer

There is a new dilemma causing quite a buzz in classrooms, dorm rooms, and especially garbage cans around campus.

Bees are the latest nuisance to plague students since rising prices at the TUB.

"My class in Old Main always has the windows open and ten come in during my hour-long class. It is really distracting and I'm not a fan," junior Christine Line said.

Physical Plant Custodial Supervisor Ron Pennington does not believe the situation is any worse than usual.

"It's a pretty typical year," Pennington said.

Line disagrees. For her, the bees have posed a greater problem than usual since the moment she arrived on campus.

"When I first moved in, each day my roommates and I would kill four or five," Line said. "We put in a work order to the school to have them come spray for it … but now [the bees] are back in our room again!"

Pennington explained that the physical plant contacts the Ehrlich Company, which deals with pest control, several times each year to come spray the buildings. The company pays particular attention to the older buildings, such as Old Main, since that is where the problem is the worst.

Despite the precautions taken by the college, however, students still often find themselves in contact with the flying pests.

"It may seem like a silly problem," sophomore Katie Wellman said, "but it can pose a serious risk to those who are allergic to bees."

Pennington stands by his testament that the bee problem is no worse than usual, however.

"This is not an exceptionally bad problem," Pennington said. But, he reassures students that the Physical Plant is taking the matter seriously.

The problem will most likely resolve itself with the change in weather.

Mobile phones now mentioned on class syllabi

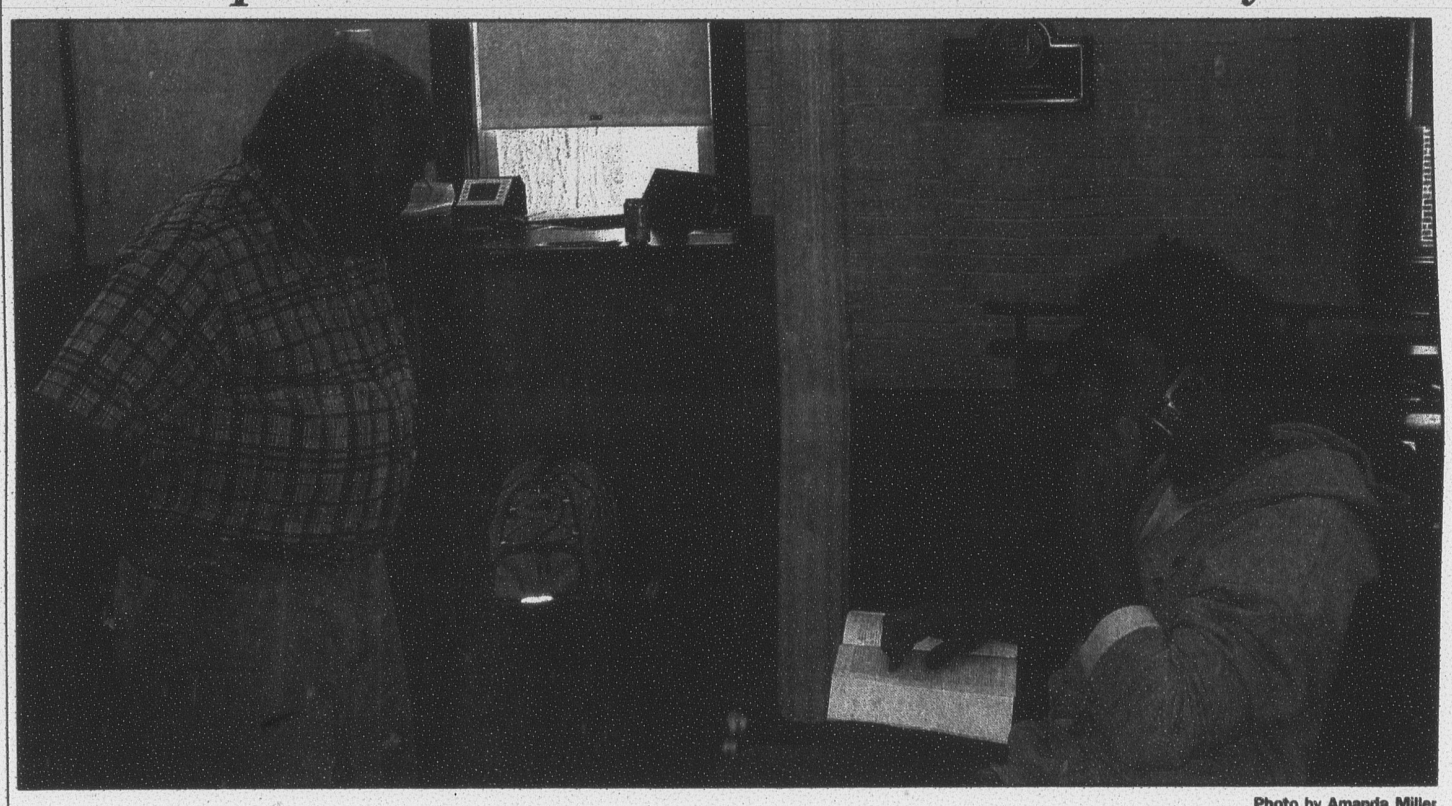


Photo by Amanda Miller

Dr. Matthew Sivils, assistant professor of English and Public Relations, gives senior Josh Hensler a look because of his in-class cell phone use.

By Mandy Zoller
Campus writer

Cell phones have recently rung their way into teachers' syllabi because of the constant distractions they cause.

Everyone has at one point found themselves laughing at the student whose phone starts blaring ring tones such as "Sexual Healing" or "Laffy Taffy." Maybe being the red-faced culprit hits closer to home, having thought that "Sexual Healing" would be an awesome ring tone to download. It's time to leave cell phones and their embarrassing ring tones in the dorm because teachers are cracking down on their cell phone policies.

"My policy states that if a student's cell phone rings, there is a penalty," Dr. Suzanne Prestien, assistant professor of public relations said. "If my cell phone rings, the students will get rewarded in some way."

Several teachers have edited their syllabi this year to include a section on the use of cell phones in class. No one knows what finally pushed a number of faculty over the edge, but consequences for ringing cell phones are becoming more widespread. Although penalties have yet to occur, such as being asked to leave the class, teachers are constantly reminding students of the strict consequences.

For many teachers, this is the first year of implementing policies concerning cell phones. Two years ago, there was not a problem with cellular devices in the classroom, but now they seem to be ringing off the hook.

"They are more widely used than they have been in the past, and it seems that people aren't aware of the fact that they aren't appropriate," fifth-year senior Bill Shondelmyer said. "It's disrespectful to both the professor and classmates when someone's phone rings during class."

Although students may not intentionally leave their cell phones on, forgetfulness is perceived as a sign on disrespect. This disrespect is fostered by advanced technology and easy access to it. With these advances, students disregard lectures and pay more attention to social interests.

"I think text messaging and calling has replaced passing notes in class," Dee Natale, lecturer of public relations, said. "I think that's a way of disengaging themselves from their peers."

Cell phones are not only distracting teachers and other classmates, but also hindering a student's ability to fully engage in a lecture. Now that many teachers have added a cell phone policy to their syllabi, students should be more careful when choosing whether or not to bring their cell phones to class.

Lake

Rain could make cross country race difficult

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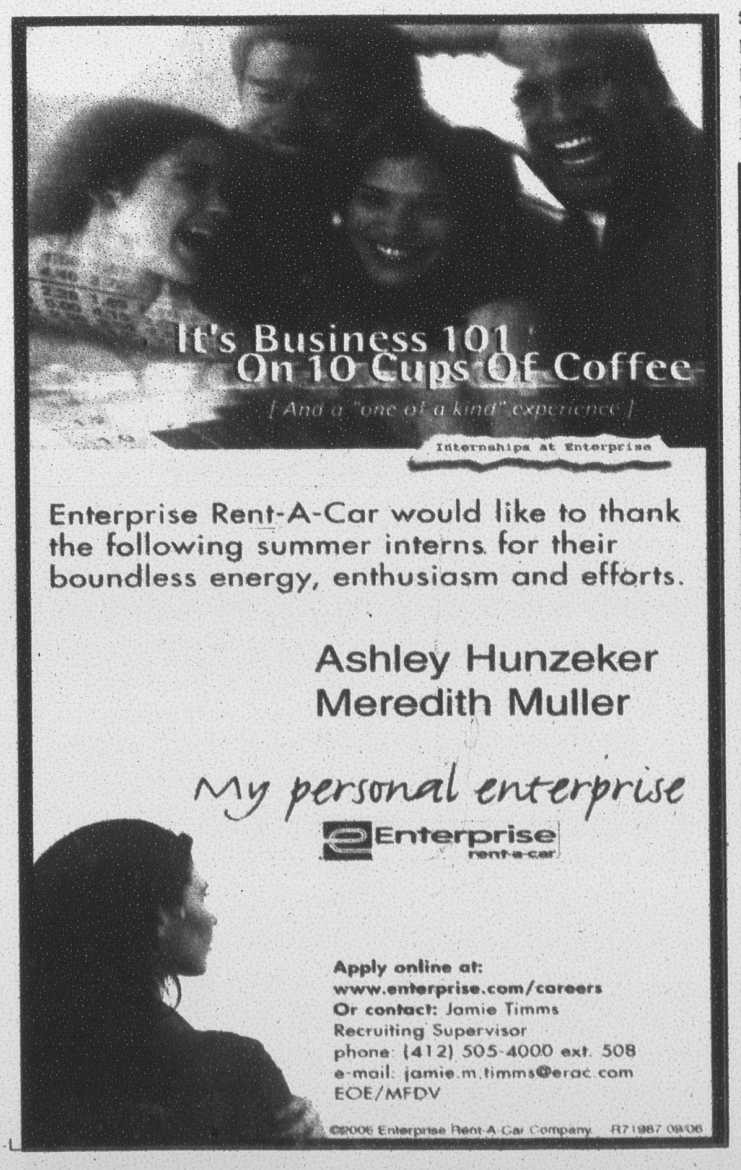
the newly revamped course.

Clarence Harms, director of the college Field Station, has lent his assistance in preparing the cross country course by mowing a trail behind the leveled areas around the lake. If rain is in the forecast on the day of the race, however, runners in the three-team meet may be experiencing a mud-filled mess around the lake reminiscent of the previous home meet, the annual Fisher Invitational on September 2nd, during which runners had to compete through ankle-deep mud as a result of the relocated dirt.



Campus News

From Africa to Amish Country

Malawi natives visit New Wilmington through Pittsburgh Presbytery program

By Josh Hensler
Campus Writer

The campus welcomed seven visitors from the African country of Malawi on September 25 as part of an exchange program between the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Synod of Blantrye.

The seven visitors from Malawi led chapel services at 11:40 a.m. on Monday. This was made possible through the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Synod of Blantrye, which has provided opportunities for hundreds of people in a number of congregations around the globe.

The representatives of Malawi shared testimonies and other experiences about their church in Malawi which can have congregations as large as 12,000 people. The visitors also discussed issues facing their country such as prostitution, crime and poverty problems.

Malawi's population is mostly Christian, with a religious makeup of 55 percent Protestant, 20 percent Roman Catholic and 20 percent Muslim. The remaining percentages are other minor religions. Out of these percentages, 60 percent of the congregations are made up of youth volunteers who are a vital part of the churches.

"Most of the homes were without running water and electricity, but their emphasis on religion and family was astounding," Dan O'Keefe, a member of the first organized youth journey to Malawi, said.

In the last 15 years, the partnership has sent over 400 people from Pittsburgh to Malawi and a similar number was hosted in Pittsburgh. The goal of these visits is to build relationships, hold educational events and take part in pastoral exchange. They also take part in medical mission work and construction of new homes. The group participated in lunch conversations on the third floor of McKelvey, which allowed students to have a more personal discussion with them.

"There is beauty everywhere on the campus, and I have really enjoyed our trip so far," Chisomo Mputeni, one of the Malawi visitors, said.

Malawi is located in Southern Africa and is bordered by Zambia to the west, Tanzania to the north and east and Mozambique to the south. Its capital city is Lilongwe.

Photo by Katie Chandley

Seven Malawi natives shared their country's issues at Monday's chapel service.

Thirty-five churches of the Pittsburgh Presbytery are involved with partner churches in the Synod of Blantrye. The partnership has created personal friendships that continue to grow both overseas and within the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

WCN receives national PSA award

Alumnus' Humane Society PSA nominated along with two others

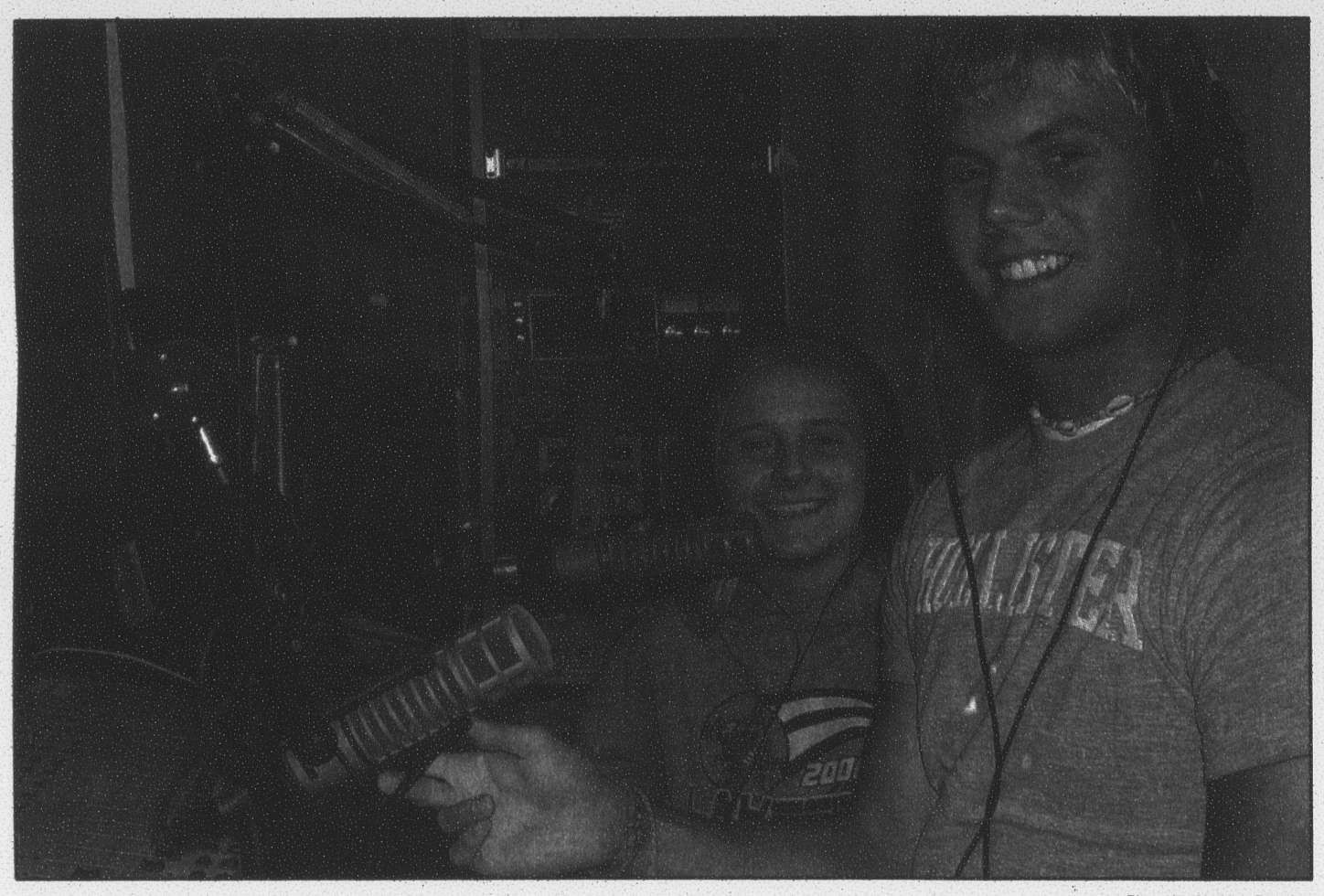


Photo by Chelsea Boecker

The broadcast communications department recently picked up an award nomination from College Broadcasters, Inc.

By Craig Hannon
Campus Writer

Westminster Cable Network is not only known around the county, but now the network is gaining national recognition.

College Broadcasters Inc. (CBI) announced that a Public Service Announcement produced by former Westminster student Justin Egley has been nominated for the best Public Service Announcement in the country. The nominated piece is called "Your New Best Friend," a clip that was produced for the Lawrence County Humane Society. The awards recognize colleges of all sizes throughout the country for their work during the year.

Although small in size, Westminster came up big with the nomination. Egley's piece will have competition from Colorado State and Berry College in Atlanta, two schools with a much larger enrollment than Westminster. Mr. Bradley Weaver, an instructor of broadcast communications, notes the nomination as impressive.

"It is really exciting to see that his work has stood out," said Weaver. "It is nice to see that a small little school like Westminster College can be recognized on a national level."

Chair of the communications department, Dr. David Barner co-taught the class with Mr. Weaver and said that in his twenty-six year tenure here, there hasn't been a TV piece produced by a student nominated for such a prestigious award.

"I am very proud of the fact that a former student has been nominated on the national level," said Barner. "It was simple but creative, and creativity is something that can not be taught."

CBI annually represents students involved in radio, television, web casting and other related media ventures. Winners for each category will be announced at the annual awards ceremony to be held at the National College Media Convention October 26-29 in St. Louis, Missouri. Finalists and winners will be presented with their awards at the ceremony.

For more information about CBI, visit the website at www.askcbi.org.

Faculty member to give Henderson Lecture

Professor of English honored; will give award-winning lecture Wednesday

By Akesha N. Joseph
Staff Writer

Students are normally the ones reporting on the knowledge that they have learned in class or during their time here at the college, but each year faculty members can nominate themselves or others to receive the Henderson Lecture Award.

This lectureship provides one faculty member with an honorary plaque and $1000 stipend to support and recognize an original or continuous research project. The Henderson lecture was founded by Dr. Joseph Henderson, professor emeritus of education at Westminster, and his wife, Elizabeth, to give faculty the opportunity to share their learning with the academic community.

The 2006-2007 award honors Dr. Bethany Hicok, assistant professor of English. Dr. Hicok joined the faculty of Westminster College in 2001. She earned her bachelor's from Russell Sage College and her master's in teaching, master's, and doctorate from the University of Rochester.

She will deliver the lecture next Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. in the Witherspoon Maple Room. Her research topic is "Marianne Moore's Student Hero: Poetry and Politics in the 1930's." Hicok's research will "help restore the narrative of Moore's response to politics in the 1930's and show how much this response was influenced by the progressive educational reforms that marked her liberal arts college experience in the early part of the century."

Hicok, "really enjoys sharing her research with the college" as it was prompted by her work on an even greater project. She conducted this research as part of a book she is working on entitled *Degrees of Freedom: American Women Poets and the Women's College, 1905-1955.*

The book is currently under review by Bucknell University Press.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	A passing shower or two	An afternoon shower possible	Breezy with rain and drizzle	Partly sunny	Chance of a shower	Chance for a couple of showers	Cloudy with showers possible
High		62	61	62	67	67	65
Low		50	46	48	52	45	44

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:16 a.m.	7:07 p.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
Sunday	7:18 a.m.	7:04 p.m.
Monday	7:19 a.m.	7:02 p.m.
Tuesday	7:20 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Friday	2:33 p.m.	11:03 p.m.
Saturday	3:27 p.m.	none
Sunday	4:13 p.m.	12:08 a.m.
Monday	4:50 p.m.	1:21 a.m.
Tuesday	5:21 p.m.	2:39 a.m.

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 30	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 22

Weather History

Algeria and Tunisia are typically dry, but on Sept. 29, 1969, severe flooding killed 600 people and left a quarter of a million homeless. Biskra, Algeria, had 11.78 inches of rain.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	54	42	c	61	48	r	62	46	c	70	49	pc	68	54	pc
Butler, PA	56	39	c	62	50	pc	61	44	sh	63	46	pc	67	51	pc
Cambridge, OH	57	38	c	62	50	r	62	43	c	70	50	pc	70	53	pc
Canton, OH	55	41	c	61	48	r	61	45	sh	70	50	pc	68	53	pc
Cincinnati, OH	60	48	pc	65	49	sh	66	54	pc	76	61	s	80	56	s
Clarion, PA	56	37	c	62	48	pc	60	43	sh	60	45	pc	65	51	pc
Clarksburg, WV	59	38	c	67	50	pc	61	45	sh	70	48	s	67	53	s
Cleveland, OH	57	43	c	61	52	r	62	50	c	70	50	pc	69	54	pc
Columbus, OH	60	45	pc	64	50	r	63	53	pc	70	57	pc	71	56	pc
Cumberland, MD	59	39	c	65	48	pc	60	46	r	66	47	pc	68	53	pc
Erie, PA	55	43	c	62	53	r	60	51	sh	63	50	pc	70	55	c
Franklin, PA	52	39	c	60	48	pc	60	43	sh	61	45	pc	65	52	pc
Greensburg, PA	56	40	c	61	51	pc	63	46	sh	64	48	pc	68	55	pc
Greenville, PA	53	39	sh	60	50	r	60	47	sh	61	48	pc	67	53	pc
Grove City, PA	56	38	c	62	49	pc	61	43	sh	61	46	pc	66	51	pc
Hagerstown, MD	64	43	c	65	50	pc	63	49	sh	70	50	s	72	52	pc
Indiana, PA	54	38	c	61	53	pc	60	49	r	64	48	pc	66	57	pc
Jamestown, NY	50	39	sh	54	47	pc	57	46	sh	62	46	pc	61	51	c
Kittanning, PA	56	39	c	62	52	pc	62	47	sh	64	48	pc	67	54	pc
Lisbon, OH	56	40	c	61	49	r	61	47	sh	70	49	pc	68	54	pc
Mansfield, OH	58	41	pc	61	47	r	63	51	pc	70	57	pc	66	53	pc
Marietta, OH	61	38	c	65	52	r	62	46	sh	70	49	s	72	54	pc
McKeesport, PA	56	41	c	62	50	pc	63	45	sh	64	49	pc	70	52	pc
Meadville, PA	51	40	sh	60	49	r	60	47	sh	63	47	pc	66	52	pc
Morgantown, WV	58	39	c	64	51	pc	64	46	sh	71	49	pc	73	54	pc
New Castle, PA	56	39	sh	62	50	r	61	46	sh	63	49	pc	67	53	pc
Oil City, PA	53	39	c	60	48	pc	60	44	sh	61	46	pc	66	52	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	56	39	c	62	50	r	62	48	sh	69	51	pc	74	54	pc
Sharon, PA	56	38	sh	61	50	r	60	47	sh	62	49	pc	67	53	pc
Somerset, PA	54	38	c	59	46	pc	58	43	sh	61	46	pc	64	50	pc
Steubenville, OH	56	40	c	62	51	r	62	45	sh	70	48	pc	70	54	pc
Uniontown, PA	56	38	c	61	50	pc	62	44	sh	65	48	pc	71	52	pc
Warren, OH	55	39	c	61	50	r	61	47	sh	69	50	pc	68	53	pc
Washington, PA	56	35	c	62	49	r	63	42	sh	63	46	pc	69	49	pc
Waynesburg, PA	56	38	c	62	50	pc	62	44	sh	64	47	pc	70	51	pc
Wheeling, WV	56	40	c	62	51	r	63	45	sh	70	50	pc	70	54	pc
Youngstown, OH	54	38	c	61	50	r	60	47	sh	69	49	pc	67	53	pc
Wooster, OH	56	39	c	61	48	r	60	43	c	70	47	pc	69	52	pc
Zanesville, OH	57	37	pc	62	50	r	62	43	c	70	48	pc	70	53	pc

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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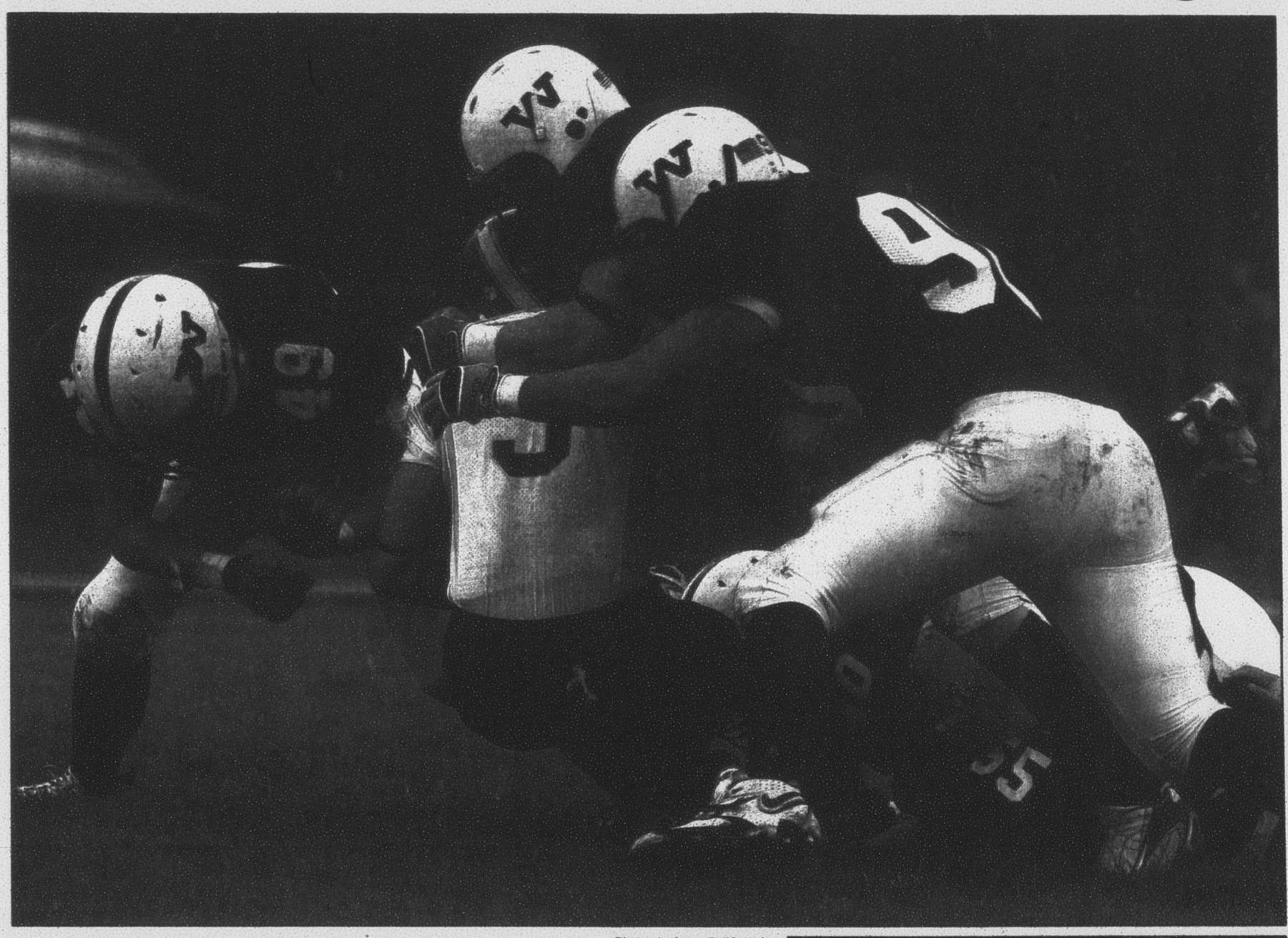
Sports

Titans muzzle Bulldogs



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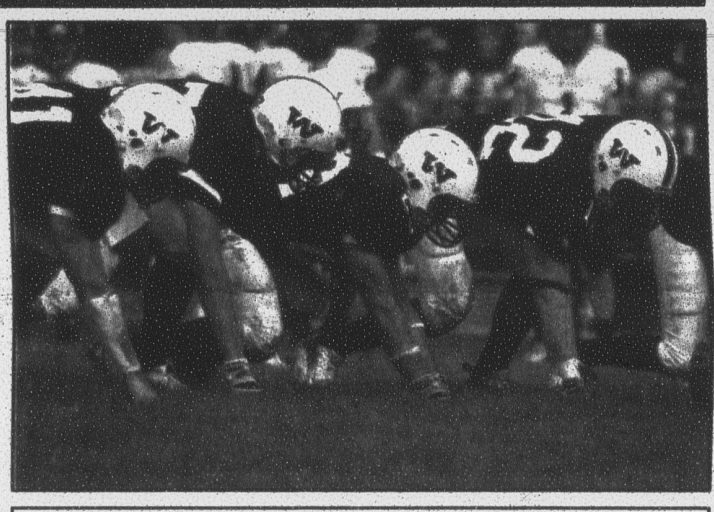
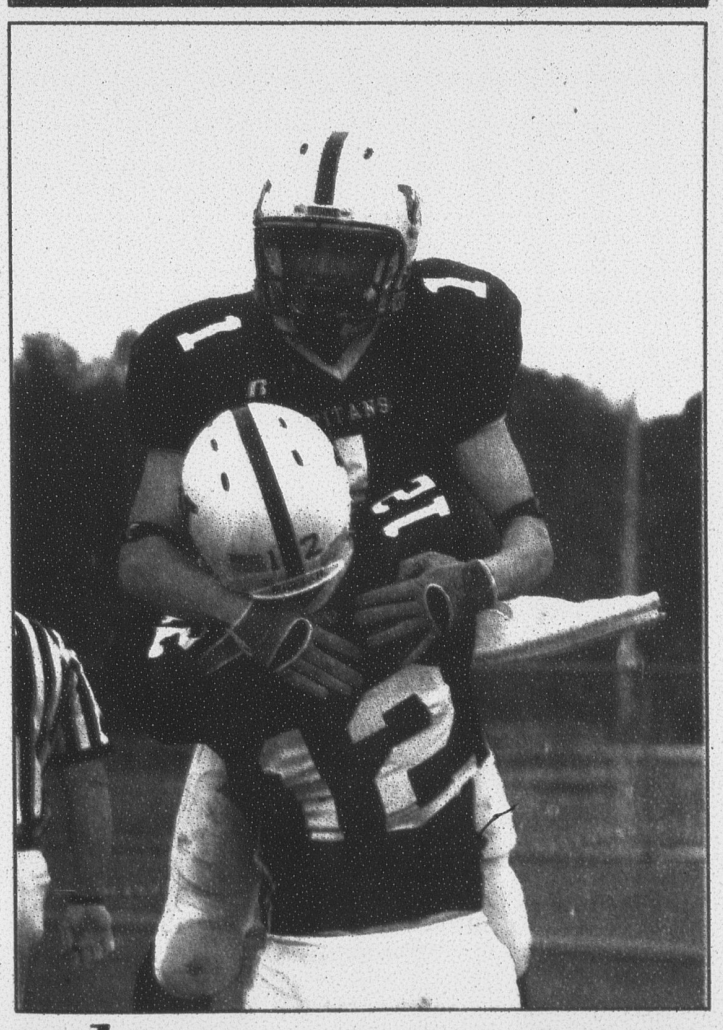
Above, An Adrian player is tackled for a loss by members of the Titans' dominating defense. Right: The defensive line helped the Titans to victory with several successful goaline stands against Adrain. Bottom right: Junior Brett Ziegler is congratulated by sophomore Josh Weese after his touchdown reception in the second quarter.





Westminster fights for a double overtime win over Adrian

By Bob Long
Sports Editor

In week four of the season, the Titans were facing an Adrian team ranked 20th in the preseason and predicted to win the MIAA.

The Titans seemingly came into this game with a different mindset that was proven by the fact that the ball was thrown 43 times. This, however, was a good thing for the Titans who passed for over 300 yards in the game.

The Titans once more started true freshmen at quarterback and tailback, becoming a different team. They lit up the scoreboard twice in the second quarter alone against a highly touted Bulldogs defense.

The first score came on an 11 yard touchdown pass from Kevin Franz to his freshman tailback John Nagy, who had 82 yards on eight receptions.

The next touchdown came on a deep pass to Brett Ziegler for 55 yards. Adrian came back to score one touchdown before halftime when senior quarterback Andy Denryter hit Patrick Reagan with a 25 yard touchdown pass late in the second.

With the help of the defense, the Titans took a 14-7 lead into halftime, leading for the first time this season.

Adrian came out of the gates strong in the second half, putting up two touchdowns in the third quarter alone.

The first came on a 10 yard pass from Denryter to Brian McKenna, which was his only reception of the day.

The next touchdown came on a three yard run by T.J. Williams with one and half minutes left in the third quarter. After battling back and forth during the fourth quarter, the Titans scored with 30 seconds left to force overtime.

The game went into double overtime, with the Titans' place kicker, Fred Romeo, drilling two field goals, one being a game winning walk off.

The defense was led by leading tackler Jacob Martinez with 11, and Eric Brown, who had the team's lone interception. With this win, the Titans up their record to 1-2 and 0-0 in the PAC.

Coming off this victory, the Titans go into conference play against the Grove City Wolverines who are 0-3 and 0-2 in the PAC.

The Wolverines are led by tailback Matt Weil, who has 54 rushes for 280 yards on the season.

Grove City is also led by a freshmen quarterback, who is 40-75 on the year for 414 yards. The Wolverines are returning 15 starters, eight of whom are on offense.

"The key to this week's game is coming out with an attitude," junior fullback Josh Kutzner said when asked about the game. "We did it last week; we practiced hard, played hard, and got the victory."

"A lot of our guys are sick of losing and after beating the preseason number 20 they realized we can play with anybody,"

While the game was not a conference game, it was important to get on track before PACs. There is one thing that has been missing this year, though, and that is the Titans' normal running game.

"The run game is important; it sets the tone for everything that goes on," junior guard Bryan Borkovich said. "It sets up the pass, and when you can run the ball down the field on a team, then you can just see the defense's confidence slip away."

There is one thing for sure about this weekend's game, and that is that the Titans are ready to take action in the PACs. This starts with Grove City, a mere 12 miles away.

The game this weekend sends the Titans to Grove City to face a very familiar team. This is the 87th meeting between the two teams and the second time for Coach Hand. The Titans have won the previous five games in a row and they show no signs of stopping.

Titan runners share outlook on season after St. Vincent Invite

By Staci McGill
Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams placed eighth and tenth at the Saint Vincent College Invitational last weekend on September 23.

The men's team collected 224 points, putting them in tenth place, while the women's team accumulated a total of 227 points, making them the eighth place finishers.

In the 5K race, freshman Elizabeth Beardsley paced the Lady Titans with a time of 21:58 and gained twenty-eighth place.

"I think that we did well at Saint Vincent; we run well as a team," Beardsley said.

Shortly thereafter was junior Leanna Stitt, who came in thirty-fifth place with a finishing time of 22:31.

"Saint Vincent was beautiful, honestly, that's what kept me going," Stitt noted. "But I really look forward to seeing the new girls step up as leaders of the team. We have a fresh team this year and I can't wait to see what we can do."

While the women were finishing their 5K race, the men's team was still running strong.

In the 8K race, the Titans' leading man was junior Cory Criss, who ran a twenty-seventh place time of 30:27.

"Since this is my first year on the team; I can't really compare, but I think that we are doing really well. I mean, our times keep improving as we go from meet to meet." Criss stated.

"All we really need to work on is running in a pack; running is a mental race and it's nice to have someone there with you."

Not far behind was senior Scott Seserko who took twenty-ninth place with a time of 30:32.

"I really look forward to the Gettysburg Invitational in October; I want to see how we perform outside of the PAC," Seserko noted.

"Since we only have six men it's hard to compete against schools who have twenty-five runners, but I am glad that our team is so close. We really just need to get more participation from guys who want to run, like our sixth man John Varley. "

"It would be great if we could get more people excited about cross country. We need the support from fans when we run." Criss said.

The next men's and women's cross country teams will be hosting the Westminster Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The women will run at 10 a.m. and the men will run at 10:45 a.m.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Should Joe go?

Every week, buried beneath the depths of my column's words lies a message to my readers, and it goes something like this:

"Write in and let Brandon know what you think, you just might make his column, but first you have to make the cut."

This week, I was excited to receive feedback about my column and confirm that I do have involved and dedicated readers.

If sports and print journalism cultivate you as they do me, write the Holcad and my column may, on some weeks, transform and follow the format it takes today.

Brandon,

I want to dust off the question of Joe Paterno's retirement. Last year's excellent season doesn't change my mind. Undoubtedly, Joe Pa is a great (maybe the greatest) college football coach and person. His philosophy of where football fits into a young man's life and his emphasis on academics and graduation are outstanding. However, I believe it's time for Joe to step down. When we reach a certain age in life, we find it more difficult to learn new things. (I speak from experience). I think that is happening to Joe Paterno. I believe he is turning over more responsibilities, each year, to his assistant coaches because they understand the changes taking place in college football, whereas Joe finds it hard to change from the approach that he used in the past. If that is the case, it's time to quit. My biggest fear is that Joe will tarnish his greatness by staying around too long similar to the great OSU coach, Woody Hayes.

Warren Hickman, Prof. of Mathematics

Well, Dr. Hickman, there are a lot of great points, backed with a lot of evidence as to why Joe Pa should think about calling it quits.

However, I disagree. I believe Joe Paterno still has what it takes to run one of the most successful football programs in the country.

While I agree that it does appear that his assistants are taking on more responsibility, leave no doubt that Joe Pa is still the man in charge.

Offensive and defensive coordinators are positions held in virtually every football team from the high school to the NFL level.

Although Joe might not be calling the plays, when a crucial decision needs to be made in a game, it will no doubt be Joe's orders that are carried out by his troops.

If Joe Paterno was to stick around and lose, it could possibly tarnish his reputation, however he is not losing. Last year, Paterno's crew was one of eight teams to play in the Bowl Championship Series, and only one of four to win.

Penn State played a tough Florida State team in the Orange Bowl and it turned out to be a winner, winner, chicken dinner. If Paterno can continue to win at this rate, the only thing that will be tarnishing is the records of coaches playing the Nittany Lions.

Because of all that Joe Pa has done for Penn State and college football, nobody should have any bearing on when Joe steps down except for Joe.

His approach may be old-fashioned, but an approach that preaches discipline, focus, and physical play is one that will never become obsolete in college football.

Joe Pa is unquestionably the greatest coach in the history of college football, and although he may not still "rock on," there is no doubt in my mind that he will, and rightfully so continue to "coach on."

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column, but first you have to make the cut.

Sports

Lady Titans back on track against Hiram

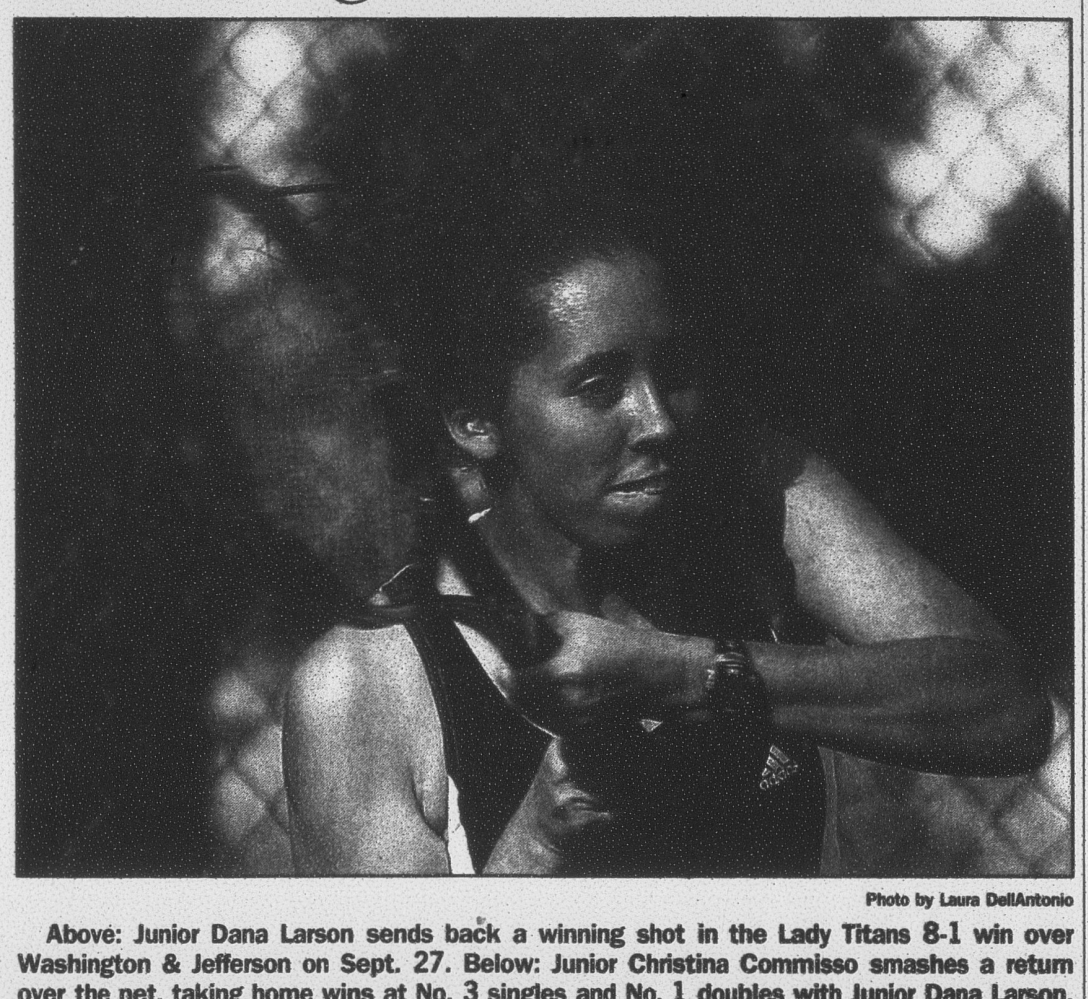
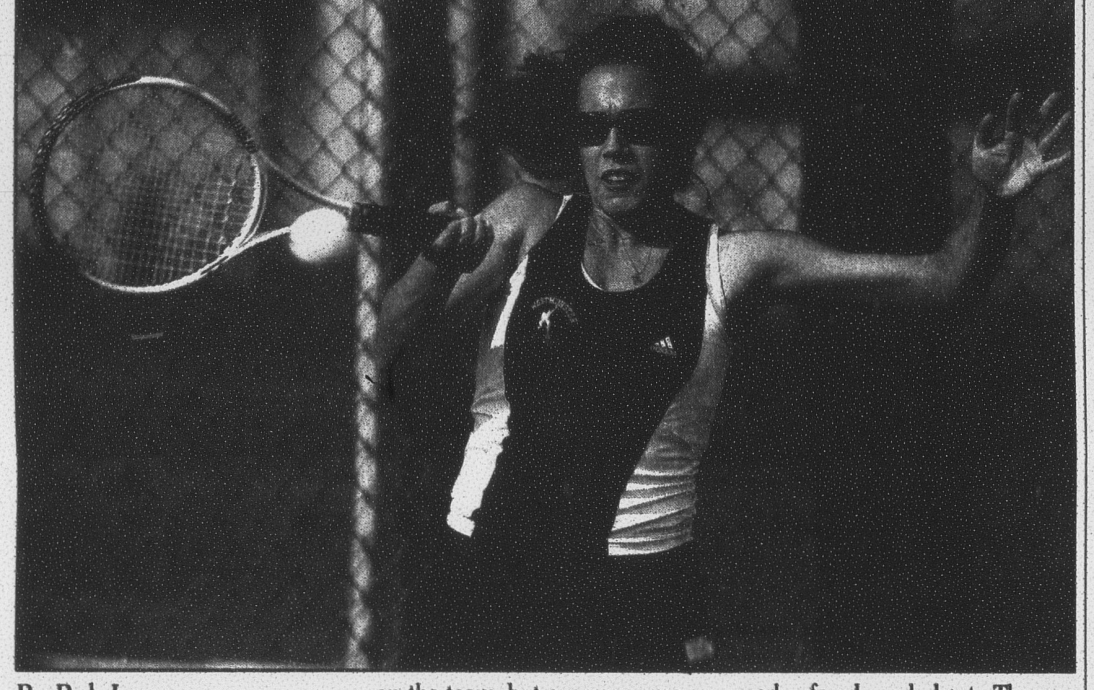


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Above: Junior Dana Larson sends back a winning shot in the Lady Titans 8-1 win over Washington & Jefferson on Sept. 27. Below: Junior Christina Commisso smashes a return over the net, taking home wins at No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles with Junior Dana Larson.



By Bob Long
Sports Writer

This season the Lady Titan tennis team is 3-4 and 1-0 in conference play. Thus far, Westminster has played reasonably well, led by senior Sara Belsito and junior Dana Larson at the 1 and 2 spots respectively.

The girls beat non-conference Hiram this past Monday by a score of 7-2 to get them one game closer to a .500 record..

In the match against Hiram, there were a couple of new pairings and it proved to be a good change of pace. Juniors Dana Larson and Trista Houck led the Titans as they won both their singles and doubles matches. The tandem paired up for the first time this season and won at No. 2 doubles, 8-2, over the Terriers' Michelle Morgan and Carmen Cunningham.

Westminster has looked very good all year at the lower positions on the team, but everyone was on the same page for Hiram. Larson also improved her singles record to 3-4 on the year with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Morgan at No. 2 singles, while Houck won her first singles match of the season over Lisa Parente at No. 6 singles.

Other singles winners for the Titans were freshman April Scuddere at No. 3, senior Andrea Pastorius at No. 4, and sophomore Alyson Lingle at No. 5, all finishing in straight sets. Lingle improved to 6-1 in singles play this year and 1-0 since moving up one notch to the No. 5 position.

The Titans are riding a one match winning streak into their second conference game, which is at home against Washington and Jefferson. W&J is coming off its 5th loss in a row to start the season and is 0-2 in conference play thus far.

The Presidents' last loss came to PAC division opponent Waynesburg 2-7. Westminster has also already faced and beat Thomas More, one of the teams that already won against W&J.

The only problem about playing a winless team, however, is that the Presidents have little to lose; they are already down in the PAC hunt and haven't shown signs of being able to pull out of this slump.

Also Westminster's 4, 5, and 6 spots are playing almost perfectly with only 5 losses between the 3 positions. The girls look very formidable on their way into PAC game number two, and Belsito can only be held winless for so long before she gets on a roll.

The Titans will face the Presidents Wednesday September 27, 2006 at home and then October 1, the lady Titans will have another home game against a winless Bethany.

With back-to-back conference wins, the Titans can move into first place in the PAC title hunt.

Titan soccer splits non-conference games

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff Writer

Men's soccer traveled to Ohio last weekend where the team picked up both a win and a loss against non-conference opponents John Carroll and Oberlin.

The Titans won 2-1 against John Carroll, but had to overcome adversity to earn the victory. John Carroll took the lead in the 16th minute, which remained unanswered by the Titans for the majority of the game.

In the second half, sophomore defender Steve Hoyga was sent off after an illegal slide tackle from behind, which earned him a red card. The penalty left the Titans with just 10 players to face John Carroll's 11 players.

"The first half wasn't as aggressive, but we came out fired up and ready to play in the second half," sophomore defender Chris Ellwanger said.

Despite losing a man, junior forward Ande Saporito found the back of the net in the second half, off of an assist from senior forward Blake Ordell. This evened the score at 1s and sent the game into overtime. Freshman forward Brice Lott finished the game by scoring in the 96th minute off of an assist from Saporito, leading the Titans to the victory.

"Even after losing a man to a red card, and going into overtime, I'm glad that we were still able to put them away and win," Ellwanger said.

In goal for the Titans was junior goalkeeper Anthony Beilstein making five saves.

The Titans fell to Oberlin 3-1 on Saturday. Senior midfielder Todd Atwood opened the scoring by finding the back of the net in the 23rd minute. Oberlin responded with two goals before halftime and the third came well into the second half.

"Even though we lost, we played with a lot of intensity and left it all out on the field," sophomore defender Taylor Craig said.

Beilstein was in goal again, making three saves.

Notably, Saporito was named President Athletic Conference's (PAC) Offensive Player of the Week partly due to his contributions in the John Carroll game. He also scored the game-winning goal against Saint Vincent on Sept. 19. Saporito leads the team in goals with four, and assists with five.

The Titans, now 4-3-2, travel to Waynesburg to face the PAC opponent on Saturday, Sept. 30. Injured starters Justin Rivas, sophomore defender, and Garrett Horvath, junior midfielder, will both return to the field for this game.

TITAN TALK

Titan Talk features *The Holcad*'s sports gurus and lets them weigh in on hot sports topics. Each week, our experts will will hold a debate, and their comments will be turned into the dictation that is Titan Talk. E-mail *The Holcad* at holcad@westminster.edu and let us know who you think won or lost the argument.

Check out next week's edition for the results.

Titan Talk: After a 1-2 start, are the Steelers still legitimate playoff contenders?

Bryan Borkovich (Bork): I'm going to go ahead and say no, and here's why. The Bengals are rolling and Carson Palmer looks just as good as he did last year, if not better. The Baltimore Ravens are playing good with Steve McNair and I think there's a little more to Ben Roethlisberger's injury than what the Steelers are letting on.

Brandon Phillian (Phillian): I've got to disagree with you right away, Bork. Carson Palmer is playing decent, but the Cincinnati Bengals are not all that and a bag of chips. They were very lucky to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday. If it wasn't for some unfortunate turnovers, the Steelers win the game. Offensively and defensively, the Steelers outplayed the Bengals. Pittsburgh is still a legitimate playoff contender even after a weak start. Both losses came against very solid opponents.

Dusty Rhodes (Dusty): When you look at what the Steelers did last fall, they won eight games in a row to win the Super Bowl. I think the Steelers, no matter how far out, should be counted as playoff contenders.

Bork: Here's another thing you have to look at. You bring up the Super Bowl. If Carson Palmer doesn't break his leg, I think the Bengals could have won that game.

Phillian: You know, Bork, whether you see Cincy winning that game or not, Carson Palmer did break his leg, and they didn't win the game, and the Steelers did win the Super Bowl.

Bork: Well, it's not about the past. They are going to go from Super Bowl to Super Chumps. They are going to be at home watching everyone else play. They have a tough schedule coming up, and the only game I see them winning is the game against Oakland on October 29. They might lose four or five straight games.

Phillian: Let's face it, Bork, give them a little credit where credit is due. They are playing the Cleveland Brownies.

Bork: Let me tell you something, the Brownies are improving, and they played well last Sunday versus the Ravens. I would like to see them come in and stick one to the Steelers, and I think they can do it.

Phillian: I completely disagree. The Browns and the Steelers should not even be mentioned in the same sentence, unless we are talking about how badly the Steelers are going to beat the Browns. Pittsburgh is a legitimate playoff contender.

Dusty: I agree that they are. The Browns still haven't proven anything. The Steelers have been a proven playoff contender ever since Cowher has been there.

Bork: Even if the Steelers do beat the Browns, the point is, they still aren't making the playoffs. You aren't going to be able to make the playoffs in the AFC winning eight or nine games.

Phillian: Here's why the Steelers are going to make the playoffs. What wins championships? Great defense. Pittsburgh has a great defense. They have the best safety in the league in Troy Polamalu, a great linebacker in Joey Porter, and a mass of humanity nose guard in Casey Hampton. The Pittsburgh defense is solid everywhere, and they aren't just solid playoff contenders, I still believe that they are legitimate Super Bowl contenders.

Dusty: I agree with you, Phillian. Not only do they have a great defense, but they have a very talented offense. Ben Roethlisberger has had a couple of bad games, but come on. He had a terrible summer. I mean, the guy had two surgeries in the offseason due to the accident and now he's coming back to play professional football.

Bork: The point is, he just doesn't have it. Ben is more hurt from the accident then they let us know about.

Dusty: He still has it. The Steelers just are expecting too much out of him and he needs to play mistake free football like he did his first two years.

Bork: I just don't see that happening. If you are going to say great defense then you have to look at the Baltimore Ravens also. They have been playing great so far this year, and I think its going to be key the two times that they play Baltimore.

Phillian: I agree with you, those division games are huge. That's going to shake out the division. Although Baltimore acquired Steve McNair, I feel that he is old and he's aged. I think the Pittsburgh defense will be able to take advantage of him, and, as the Pittsburgh defense has proved in the past, they have no problem stopping the Baltimore run game, aka Jamal Lewis.

Bork: I agree with you there, but when you look at it, Steve McNair always plays well against the Steelers. You have to remember that these two teams were once in the same division. Even though he's aged, I still have faith in Air McNair.

Dusty: I don't know about that. I think the days of Air McNair are long gone.

Phillian: Air McNair! It's more like very fair McNair, he's a fair to average NFL quarterback at best.

Dusty: The Bengals are the Steelers' biggest problem, and the Steelers had them on the ropes last week. The turnovers were a huge problem for the Steelers and without them it's a totally different game.

Bork: You can keep telling yourself that all you want, Dusty. Here are the facts: Chad Johnson was concussed, if he wasn't he would have put up 150-200 receiving yards with some touchdowns. Just like the commercial says: "It's impossible to stop 85!" Now if you disagree with the Chad Johnson thing, you have to look at it from my point of view. I don't agree with what the Steelers did with getting rid of Chris Hope and replacing him with Ryan Clark. I don't think Clark fits in as well as Chris Hope did.

Phillian: I don't know. He had a big interception in Sunday's game against Cincy. I think the Steelers' secondary did a great job against Chad Johnson, and I think Ike Taylor is the Chad Johnson killer. Bottom line, I like the Steelers to go 10-6 and make the playoffs.

Bork: Even though they can stop Chad Johnson, they can't stop Houshmanzadeh and Chris Henry. So, I'm going to take the Steelers going 8-8 and missing the playoffs indefinitely.

Dusty: For me, it comes down to the last game against Cincy, and I see the Steelers winning and compiling an 11-5 record and heading into the playoffs, steamrolling the competition as they did last year.

Lady kickers defeat Pitt-Greensburg in shutout

By Cory Kendall
Staff Writer

Recently, a man from the city of New Castle wrote an editorial bashing the sport of soccer. His views were quite clear in that he felt soccer was dissipating good minds and talent.

He even took it to the point of saying that soccer is anti-American, and that the Star Spangled Banner should not be recited before matches because soccer is of foreign ancestry. He went on to call soccer a no-work, no-skill sport that anyone could play.

Try picturing an overweight or out of shape person running down the soccer field. However, the Lady Titans certainly don't share those same views and are willing to prove it.

After posting a 5-2 win against Saint Vincent last week, the Lady Titans showed where hard work and dedication takes you by defeating Pitt-Greensburg in a 5-0 shutout. Through these triumphs, the Lady Titans were able to improve their record by adding two wins giving them an overall winning record of 4-3-1.

The Lady Titans do not plan to stop there. Even after these enormous victories the devoted Lady Titans feel that there is still room for improvement.

"The beginning is always a little rough, but upon progressing further into the season with commitment, we will improve," said senior captain Sarah Calderone.

When the Lady Titans say "improvement," they don't just mean winning a few more games. They have set extremely high goals for the season and plan to push themselves hard to achieve these goals.

"We don't just plan on having a good record this season. We are working towards capturing the PAC title and surpassing the second round of the NCAA playoffs, where we left off last year," said junior captain, Brittany McKee.

Although the Lady Titans PAC record is 0-0, the rest of their season is comprised of mostly PAC games.

This coming Saturday, the Lady Titans take on PAC foe, Waynesburg, and feel that they will build that record to 1-0.

"If we work hard, we will surely dominate on Saturday. I predict a 5-0 blowout," said junior captain Mallory Bugel.

All three captains consider Waynesburg to be a weak team, but they don't plan to let that influence how they play.

"All we need to do is play at our level and not down at that of Waynesburg," said Calderone.

The Lady Titans will be traveling down to Waynesburg with high hopes and ambition. With the skills and the qualities that the Lady Titans possess, they should have no problem beating Waynesburg.

Maybe even the soccer-hating, New Castle man will show up and see that it does not matter what sport a "true athlete" plays in, but how that athlete plays that sport.

Campus News

Music 'N' Meatballs to help fundraise for Spain trip

Spaghetti dinner to take place October 6

By Bill Nichols
Campus Writer

On Oct. 6, Concert Choir will have their annual Music 'N' Meatballs in the basement of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, located beside the admissions office.

Music 'N' Meatballs is a fundraising event that helps the choir with their holiday tour. This year's tour is bringing the group to Spain, different from past years in which they never left the country.

With the tour heading to a different country, the dinner has been chosen to follow a Spanish theme.

Tickets will cost $5 per person and can be bought from any concert choir member with some sold at the door.

Seating times are available at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. and times can't be guaranteed when purchasing tickets at the door.

Live performances are held during the meal from choir members, including a performance by Senior Sarah Timm.

"Music 'N' Meatballs is a good ambiance of sound and great food, with a beautiful Spanish setting." She said. "Along with many live performances by myself and many others in the choir."

The tour that normally travels across parts of the United States is heading to Spain this year to spread the holiday season with their gift of song. In years past the tours have taken the choir to Disney World, New York City, and plenty of more places along the way.

Spending its Christmas breaks on the tour, the choir enjoys the bonding experience of the trip along with helping to promote the college.

Heading to churches of alumni, the choir helps get the campus name out into the community of the graduates' towns.

"Though the trip is an amazing experience to bond with your fellow members of the choir, we are also representing the college as ambassadors," Timm said. "It is important for us to go on this trip and I hope everyone will consider coming to dinner with us; the food is delicious."

Along with the Concert Choir performing at the dinner, members who are not performing will be seating and serving other students. Waiters are from all classes and are a part of campus, including sophomore Aimee Gerber.

"I'm really excited about this year's Music 'N' Meatballs, especially because I plan on being a waitress," she said. "I can't wait to see everyone there; it's going to be a blast and I hope to see a lot of my friends there."

The dinner is a traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner and is a break from the regular campus meals. Simulating a good home cooked meal for those who come, the choir has ordered even more food this year expecting a big crowd, so buy your tickets soon.

Community swim lessons begin

Titan swimmers team up with area youth

By Lindsay Crist
Campus Writer

The Titan swimmers reached out to the community as they shared their talent and time with young swimmers from around the area.

As of Monday, Sept. 18, the men's and women's swim team began their fall swim lessons for kids around the area. The community lessons last eight day for 45 minutes each day. The swim team puts forth a lot of effort in these lessons, since the lessons provide a good amount of funding for its winter training trip.

"Almost all the money raised goes directly to our winter training trip," Coach Rob Klamut said. "A small amount goes towards publicity, level books, and report cards."

The swim team did not always offer swim lessons to the community, but instead offered a swim team, which gave young swimmers in New Wilmington the opportunity to swim competitively to those swimmers who did not want to join the New Castle YMCA team. Although there was an interest in the swim team, the demand for swim lessons was greater.

"We've been offering swim lessons for at least 18 years," Coach Klamut said.

The swim team provides community swim lessons every spring and fall to children anywhere from five to 13 years old. During the fall usually about 60 kids are signed up and during the spring 75 to 80 participate.

"We do not have to compete with soccer during the spring session, so we usually have more kids sign up," Klamut said.

Klamut also heard a young swimmer say her favorite part of the day was swimming lessons. Klamut was happy to announce that the swim lessons were better than recess to at least one little girl.

The swim team uses 49 individuals' talent to give back to the New Wilmington area. Since there are so many instructors this session, most of the swimmers in the beginner level have one-on-one attention.

As the swimmers become more independent in the water the groups tend to get to as large as three swimmers. Keeping the groups small was an important aspect of the lessons, making it possible for each young swimmer to get personal attention and help.

"The majority of the team seems to love it," Klamut said. "While they are here, it is so nice of them to use their talent to give back to the community."

Ryan Trunk has been organizing and running the program for the past three years. Being certified as a Water Safety Instructor, he spends the sessions behind the scenes putting together registration and coordinating instructors. Although he prefers being out of the water, he has spent much of his time leading up to and during swim lessons to be sure that the lessons run smoothly and each new swimmer has the opportunity to learn from the best.

"I like being out of the water, because I have spent my summers teaching lessons, so it is nice to be behind the scenes," he said.

On the other hand, Cubbey Linnelli loves teaching swim lessons. She taught a little girl in level one this session and it proved to be rewarding to hop in the water each day.

"It is really exciting teaching them new things," she said.

Caring for our country's troops

Elementary education block students raising money for men and women overseas

By Kathryn Zetzer
Campus Writer

During a semester long fundraiser, the elementary education block students will raise money to send care packages to American service men and women overseas.

The fundraiser primarily includes the elementary block students but will require the entire New Wilmington community to ensure success.

This service project was chosen by the students, after suggestions from their professors, based upon the current needs of the area and the high profile the war brings to project.

Two student participants, Jenny Allen and Stephanie Peters, both have family members in the armed services serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This project has a very real connection for those involved. As students in their junior year they are required to dress professionally for class each day.

During the fundraiser, each participant will pay one dollar for the opportunity to wear jeans in the classroom on Fridays during the semester.

In an attempt to engage the entire New Wilmington community, large blue water buckets were placed next to the McKelvey information desk, education department offices as well as one in town at Mugsies.

This service project was created to mimic the service learning projects used in schools. The project builds confidence in the students creating a school atmosphere.

"This year we want to send care packages to any Westminster friends and family member [who are serving overseas]" said Professor Amy Camardese, "if anyone has any connections they should contact me."

The semester will not be dedicated only to collecting money, but also to gathering the names of friends and family who are serving overseas. These individuals will be the first to receive care packages.

The materials for the care packages will be gathered Thanksgiving time and will be sent near Christmas. Fortunately, the Red Cross will be facilitating the delivery; therefore all donations will go directly to the care packages.

"I am excited about this project because my sister's fiancé was sent to Afghanistan in January," said Jenny Allen. "All I want is for him and all the soldiers to return home safe, and with this service project, we are making their time spent overseas a bit more bearable, by letting them know they have people back home supporting them."

These education majors want to make sure they take care of those serving our country, particularly those who are personally connected to our community.

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A brief glimpse into the heart of Westminster's literary world...

Arts & Entertainment

This week, Sherri crowns Sean Penn in *All the King's Men*

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

This past Sunday I saw All the King's Men and left the theater thinking "Yes, that was a good film, and Sean Penn did excellent job acting." However, my thoughts shifted to "Well, Sean Penn was phenomenal, but I'm not so sure about the film."

Now that I've written the thoughts of my genius mind, I'll explain. Sean Penn, who is one of the greatest actors of his generation, blows away the supporting cast with his riveting performance as Willie Stark. Willie Stark is adapted from the main character of Robert Penn Warren's Pulitzer-Prize winning novel, and additionally is inspired by the real-life former Louisiana governor Huey P. Long.

Willie lives in a small swamp town in 1930s Louisiana and is content playing the role of county treasurer and drinking orange soda pop. He is a moral man, and fights the bureaucracy that wants to build a schoolhouse using a construction company that will use materials not much better than Popsicle sticks and glue. Willie loses the battle, and tragically the schoolhouse collapses and kills three children. The boys in the government see Willie as the poster boy against such corruption, so they send slick talkin' Tiny Duffy (James Gandolfini) to persuade Willie to run for 'guvnah" of the great state of Louisiana.

Willie agrees to the campaign thinking he'll get a chance to bring the power back to the poor people. He soon learns that Tiny and the other rich bureaucrats only have him on campaign to split the "hick vote" so their bigwig candidate can slide into office. Hearing this news, Willie revolts and delivers the most empowering and compelling speech I've ever heard, in life or in film, claiming that "nobody ever helped a hick but a hick himself."

Soon Willie starts preaching to the swamps and the big towns, and we fast forward five years when Willie is in office as governor. This moral man suddenly has a penthouse with a revolving door of young women. Gone is the man preaching against corruption, but where did he go? This huge gap in the film proves problematic for understanding Willie's character change, and we only get sloppy flashbacks as explanations.

Willie's publicist and everything man is journalist Jack Burden (Jude Law), a man who claims not to like Willie, but we never really learn why since the Burden character never develops. Suddenly Willie has threats of impeachment looming over him by the bureaucrats who don't want to take pay cuts to provide for the poor. Willie gets back on his soapbox and preaches to the people that he may be corrupt, but he needs help because he's not as corrupt as everyone else.

Willie assigns Jack to gain the favor of retired Judge Irwin (Anthony Hopkins), who happens to be Jack's godfather. Jack is torn about digging up the dirt on his godfather, and his former love Anne Stanton (Kate Winslet) and her brother Adam (Mark Ruffalo) add some more drama to the mix.

Photo by www.movieweb.com

While *All The King's Men* has a confusing plot, Sean Penn highlighted his expertise with excellent acting.

Overall, the plot is confusing, and there are so many accents that try, but do not achieve Southern: Winslet, Law, and Hopkins are all British, and Hopkins doesn't give a damn if he sounds like he's from Wales or Louisiana. I was surprised at the murkiness of the plot, since director/writer Steven Zallian won an Oscar as screenwriter for Schindler's List. Everyone but Penn is miscast, and the beautiful cinematography and camera shots seem a bit out of place for Depression-era Louisiana. I expected something more faded and grainy similar to O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Overall, All the King's Men doesn't stand well on its shaky foundation, but Sean Penn can do no wrong when it comes to acting. The original film from 1949 won Best Picture, but even kings can't win all the time. Rating: B-

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that one day in her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

"James Taylor at Christmas" to be released

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 /U-Wire/ -- Combine the most beloved, classic songs of the holiday season with the warm baritone of one of the most recognized voices in popular music, and this Fall will give fans reason to celebrate with "James Taylor At Christmas." The 12-song collection of traditional and contemporary seasonal songs is set for release on Tuesday, October 10th, on Columbia Records.

"James Taylor At Christmas," includes Taylor's heart-warming version of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," from the 1944 film "Meet Me In St. Louis," "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," as well as the premiere of a new recording of Joni Mitchell's composition, "River." Special guest performances on the CD feature jazz trumpeter Chris Botti on "Winter Wonderland," legendary harmonica player Toots Thielemans on "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)" and with Natalie Cole on "Baby It's Cold Outside."

Ten of the album's 12 tracks are produced by the legendary jazz pianist/composer/arranger Dave Grusin. "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," was produced by Russ Titelman, who first worked with Taylor on his classic 1975 release, "Gorilla."

Taylor, who will hit the road this Fall for his critically hailed "One Man Band" Tour, has earned 40 gold, platinum and multi-platinum awards and 5 Grammy Awards.

"Project Greenlight" to arrive in time for Halloween

SANTA MONICA, CA--U-Wire- It's dinner time and everyone's on the menu in the shocking, gruesome and sadistically clever horror film FEAST, arriving on DVD on October 17, 2006 from Genius Products, LLC. and Dimension films. The subject of the third season of the Bravo network's reality show "Project Greenlight," FEAST is the terrifying tale of a motley crew of strangers who find themselves trapped in an isolated tavern and must band together in a battle for survival against a family of flesh-hungry creatures. Directed by "Project Greenlight" winner and first time filmmaker John Gulager, the ensemble cast includes Balthazar Getty ("Alias"), Henry Rollins (IFC's "The Henry Rollins Show"), Navi Rawat ("The O.C," "Numb3rs"), Josh Zuckerman ("Surviving Christmas"), Judah Friedlander (MTV2's hit show "Wonder Showzen"), Jason Mewes ("Clerks II"), Jenny Wade ("Rumor Has It") and Krista Allen (HBO's "Unscripted"). From Executive Producers Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Chris Moore and Wes Craven, the horrifying, unrated DVD will be available for $28.95 and includes five deleted scenes, outtakes, two featurettes (Horror under the spotlight: The Making of Feast and The Blood and Guts of Gary Tunnicliffe) and a feature-length audio commentary with the filmmakers.

Somewhere near a small desert town, its business as usual at the local tavern. That is, until a terrified stranger storms inside and the barflys find it's no longer a night for a leisurely drink; it's a night to fight for survival. Nearby, creatures have escaped a military research facility. They are fearsome beasts created with the spliced DNA of the world's most vicious predators… and they're hungry. Now, the men and women inside the "Beer Trap" will have to barricade the doors, craft their weapons, band together and pray to survive the night.

Our Lady Peace to release collection of greatest hits

"A Decade" to include the band's Top 10 Billboard hits

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 /U-Wire -- Columbia Records will release "A Decade," the definitive collection of biggest hits from Our Lady Peace, the band with more #1 rock singles in Canada than any other Canadian artist, on November 21, 2006.

"A Decade," the first-ever Our Lady Peace career-spanning studio retrospective, brings together ten year's worth of the band's Top 10 Canadian and U.S. Billboard-charting OLP hits along with two never-before released recordings -- "Kiss On The Mouth" and "Better Than Here" -- from the band's 2005 "Healthy In Paranoid Times" sessions.

"A Decade" includes the Canadian Top 10 tracks "Where Are You," "Clumsy," "In Repair," "Somewhere Out There," "Innocent," "Thief," "Naveed," "Starseed" and "4 A.M."

"The last ten years for Our Lady Peace have been bedlam," says Our Lady Peace singer Raine Maida. "'A Decade' is a way to document this whirlwind as well as open a new chapter for OLP."

The recipient of numerous Juno Awards (the Canadian Grammys), Our Lady Peace has emerged in the last decade as one of the great rock bands from our neighbors to the north.

Our Lady Peace's first album, "Naveed" (released on Relativity in the U.S. in 1995), generated the band's first hit, "Starseed" (which peaked at #7 on Billboard's U.S. Mainstream Rock Tracks chart and at #10 on the U.S. Modern Rock Tracks chart). A Billboard #1 Heatseekers album, "Naveed" went on to sell more than half a million copies worldwide.

The band's second album, the #1 Top Canadian album "Clumsy," was released in 1997 and has sold over 2.5 million units worldwide in addition to reaching platinum status in the U.S.

In addition to the title track (which peaked at #5 on Billboard's U.S. Modern Rock Tracks chart), "Clumsy" introduced the OLP signature songs "Superman's Dead" (Top 15 U.S. Modern Rock and Mainstream Rock Track) and "4A.M."

1999's "Happiness ... Is Not A Fish That You Can Catch," also a #1 album in Canada, debuted the songs "One Man Army" (Top 15 U.S. Modern Rock Track) and "Is Anybody Home?" (Top 20 U.S. Modern Rock Track). "Spiritual Machines," released in 2000, featured the single, "Life."

Certified RIAA gold four months after its U.S. release in June 2002, "Gravity," the group's fifth studio collection, became the fastest-selling album in the OLP catalog.

Entering the Billboard Top 200 at #9, "Gravity" generated the hits "Innocent" (Top 20 U.S. Modern Rock Track) and the crossover smash "Somewhere Out There" (a Top 10 hit at Modern Rock and Top 40 crossover smash). The band's 2005 album, "Healthy In Paranoid Times," contained the hit "Where Are You."

Our Lady Peace has sold more than 4 million albums in North America and has had six albums debut in the Top 5 on Canadian SoundScan charts.

The band's studio albums "Gravity" (2002) and "Spiritual Machines" (2001) are Canadian Double Platinum, "Happiness... Is Not A Fish That You Can Catch" (1999) is Canadian Triple Platinum, "Clumsy" (1997) received a Diamond Certification in Canada while the band's first "Live" DVD, released in 2003, achieved Canadian Double Platinum. Released in late 2005, the band's last studio album, "Healthy In Paranoid Times" has achieved platinum-plus status in Canada. Our Lady Peace has won four Juno Awards and received 20 nominations over the course of the band's career.

Over the course of the past ten years, Our Lady Peace has developed a well-deserved reputation for its riveting live shows. The Hollywood Reporter has called OLP, "a real rock alternative ... guitar rock with forward thinking and nods to the past ... ."

Our Lady Peace has won six MuchMusic Awards including the "People's Choice Award" in 1997, 1998 and 2000. Our Lady Peace launched the 2000 Summersault Festival which toured across the country with a lineup including the Foo Fighters, A Perfect Circle and The Smashing Pumpkins.

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Calendar

September 29, 2006

10:00 AM Cross Country vs. Allegheny and Pitt-Greensburg (H)

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting – MCC 255

11:35 AM Biology Department Lunch/Internship Projects – Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:15 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting – Thompson-Clark 206

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Step Up – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Superman Returns – MCC Mueller Theater

September 30, 2006

11:00 AM Volleyball at St. Vincent

1:00 PM Men's Soccer at Waynesburg

1:00 PM Volleyball at Pitt-Johnstown

1:30 PM Football at Grove City

3:00 PM Women's Soccer at Waynesburg

7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Guest Artists Recital: Barbara Thiem, cello, and Theresa Bogard, piano – Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Superman Returns – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Step Up – MCC Mueller Theater

October 1, 2006

2:00 PM Women's Tennis at Bethany

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Superman Returns – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Vespers Led by International Students and Worldwide Communion – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311/312

8:30 PM Monday Night Football: Baltimore at Denver – MCC Club

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Step Up – MCC Mueller Theater

October 2, 2006

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Men's Golf Hosts Westminster Invitational (H)

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:00 PM The Holcad Staff Meeting – MCC 255

12:10 PM Diversity Symposium Meeting – MCC Drinko Center Conference Room

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Aerobics Classes Begin – Old 77

5:00 PM CPC Meeting – MCC Club

5:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting – Old Main 213

5:30 PM Praise Team – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple

October 3, 2006

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course

12:45 PM Eta Sigma Phi Meeting – MCC 352

3:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting – MCC 352

5:00 PM SGA Dinner for Student Organization Presidents – MCC Witherspoon Maple

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting – MCC 255

7:00 PM YPS Discussion Group – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Thiel (H)

7:00 PM ALLIES Gay Bash/Drag Show – MCC Club/Lounge

8:30 PM ALLIES Meeting – Thompson-Clark 315

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting – Thompson-Clark 314

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple

October 4, 2006

6:00 AM - 8:00 AM Titan Traverse Meeting – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting – MCC 255

11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Russ Martin, "Dowry Diplomacy in Moscovy" – MCC Mueller Theater

4:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Pitt-Bradford (H)

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting – Patterson 112

7:00 PM Henderson Lecture: Dr. Bethany Hicok – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

8:00 PM Black Student Union Meeting – MCC 255

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

October 5, 2006

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Third Annual Westminster High School Programming Contest – Hoyt Science Center

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Peace Studies Teach-In – Guantanamo: How Should We Respond? – MCC Witherspoon Maple

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:45 PM IFC Meeting – MCC Club

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting – MCC 352

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting – Patterson 231

5:30 PM International Cultures Club – Thompson-Clark 314

5:30 PM Chapel Staff Meeting – Old Main 213

7:00 PM Kappa Delta Pi Meeting – Patterson 311

7:00 PM Gospel Choir – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: Hubble Vision – Hoyt Science Center 116

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Information Systems Wireless Training – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

8:00 PM David Bailey in Concert – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting – MCC 255

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

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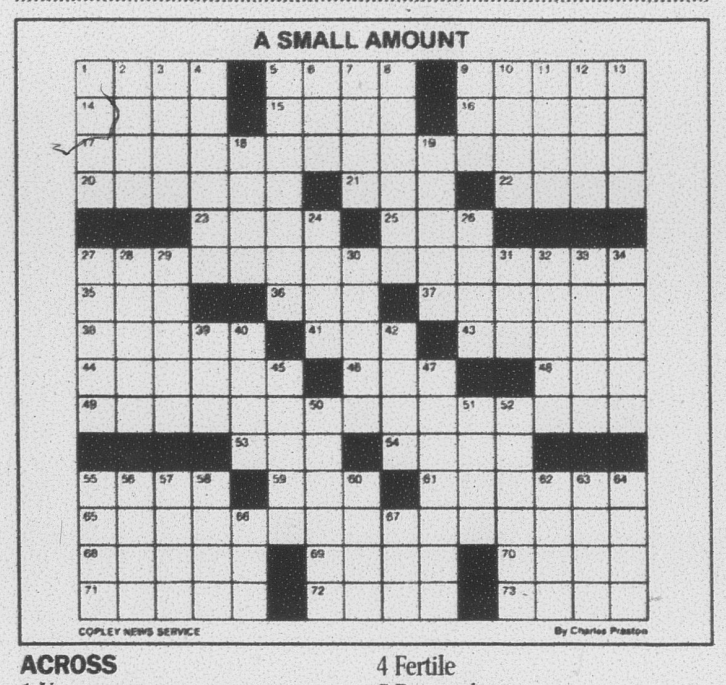

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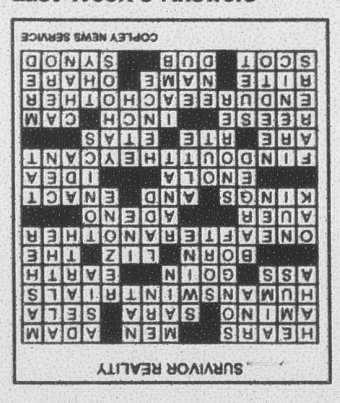

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Do not allow a shortage of funds to keep you from pursuing your dreams. Seek support from a financially sound friend.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Find a way to spend more quality time with a person in your life who makes you happy.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Come up with a plan of action that is designed to take you to where you want to go professionally.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): A creative or social project comes attached with a huge price tag. Figure out a more affordable form of personal expression.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Do your best to make sure that an emotional episode has a happy ending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Your mind is active and easily distracted by the level of information that is thrown your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Put on your thinking cap and come up with ways to increase your cash flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Review your values and make sure that they are reflective of your current lifestyle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A brilliant idea is likely to emerge from the deepest recesses of your subconscious mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Reach out and make new friends among people with whom you share something in common.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): When duty calls, be prepared to answer. Avoid anything that could divert from your work or life purpose.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You should be able to break through mental barriers. Master your lessons well.

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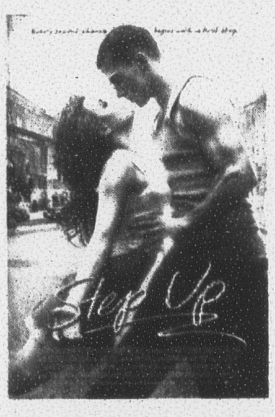
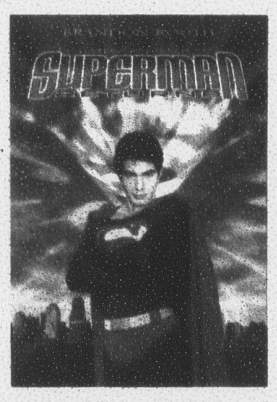
FRIDAY! Titan's Tavern
Inductions of Reason with
special guest Erin Dragan
10:00 PM Club Room

"Step Up" "Superman Returns"





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8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00 PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room
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Oct. 6 Tom DeLuca
Oct. 7 BSU Pajama Jam
Oct. 20 Springhill
Oct. 27 Craig Karges
Oct. 28 Jazz Concert
Oct. 28 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 10 Titan's Tavern-JD Eicher & 1959
Nov. 11 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 11 Lee Camp-Comic
Dec. 2 Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 8 Titan's Tavern-Valley Below, JD Eicher & Nikki Douglas

Features

Maybe Nike was wrong -- just don't do it

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

Last week's article struck a chord with many. That's great. I'm relieved.

This week, I'm aiming for another one but I know I'll miss the mark as far as most people are concerned. I discussed personal conduct when consuming alcohol and hoped to save at least one 18-year-old from fates I've steered myself away from on numerous occasions.

This time, it's getting personal. I'm talking about the attire I see noticed in the past few weeks.

Popular fashions, determined by designers several months in advance, come and go almost as regularly as those on the runway. This can work in or against the wearer's favor.

On the one hand, those who care to be sure that what they're wearing is up-to-the-minute can rest assured they will be the talk of the town and will pay high, if not full, prices for all of the minutes they wear their trendy threads.

But by the time their time on this campus (that differs from a high school only in that some of the people who consume alcohol are actually allowed by law.) they might be slightly less self-pleased with themselves , the only major difference being

Considering the funds students fork out for tuition on this campus (up to $23,200 this year) and the extra fees, even with the generous financial aid packages received, massive investments in non-basic pieces just doesn't make sense – even if Mom and Pop are footing one or both of these bills.

I am not pointing fingers or playing "holier than thou;" I have a Vera Bradley problem as well as an affinity for Biolage haircare.

Fortunately, I have a personal rule to ensure a moderate delay of the time between when I first see something and when I actually purchase it. I have to go back to the store a second time before I'm allowed to leave with it.

There used to be some other rules, such as a second opinion by a trusted friend, but then I realized I probably was going to do what I want, anyways, so I cut that interim step out.

At any rate, I've since decided that cutting edge fashion, and even most college campus fashions, is not the thing for me.

I have too many other important things to do, like sleep, and try to take advantage of the education I'm paying so dearly for, to worry about the colors in a strand of beads that appropriately match my top. If I want to wear beads, I'll wear Grandma's, because Grandma's things are always in style and I didn't have to pay 30 dollars for them. Who's the loser now?

I also don't see the need to wear shoes higher than one inch on even a semi-regular basis on this hilly pedestrian campus. Given the amount of running, literally all over campus, that most of us do, I just don't see the point. Especially to go to class, the silliest of all the silly girl behaviors I've seen. Wearing high heels too much in your youth leads to nerve damage a few decades later because of the angle your legs and back are placed in and the pressure put on nerves. Orthopedic shoes before you're 50? Not sexy at all.

Last of all on the purely female sources of irritation, I cannot stand the ubiquitous poufs that are cropping up left and right above foreheads everywhere.

Do I even really need to describe this?

I invite the reader to peruse an Argo from the late 80s or early 90s and connect the dots between the rad perms and teased bangs that were so fetch then.

Why young girls ignore the signs that this is coming, I'm not sure.

Perhaps they're not history buffs, maybe not even aware of history – or else they'd know that history repeats itself unless we learn from it and change as a result.

But I'm not just picking on the ladies, here: I have a gripe with young men I see about as well.

Track jackets are fine; track jackets in ridiculous color combinations that cannot be worn with even neutrals are not.

Unless you plan to wear that coordinating tee from Hollister every day, or to not wear that clown-like attire more than once or twice a month, you really shouldn't bother to throw down money on it.

One in a solid color, or solid with neutral accents, instead of billboard-worthy complementary colors, is a much more useful item and one you won't look back on in the same manner Don Johnson looks back on his pastel suits from Miami Vice. This may only amuse faculty (likely, as most my age only know the man from his later TV show Nash Bridges), but they deserve laughs too.

I've been refinishing a table on the Ferg terrace. Yes, that's me. I'm a handy girl, whatever.

I have jeans from my senior year of high school that still fit (yes!) and I'm wearing them for the staining process.

The pants have holes, and tears, and are worn out and frayed at the pockets and hem. I paid a moderate 30 dollars for these jeans three years ago. So why, when I walk into stores appropriate for my age, do I find jeans with similar abuse done to them for twice that? Is this serious? I could make a living, reselling the clothes I've gotten my wear out of for double the amount I paid. Again, who's the loser?

Last of all, the popped collars. It's got to stop. I've guessed that this is some kind of signal for "I do what everyone else does," because I don't see what other function it could serve. This doesn't keep your neck warm, or even help in some sort of visual trick to slim one's upper body. It makes you look like you forgot to finish putting your shirt on or -- maybe -- to look in the mirror.

A nine-year-old can tell you that this and most of these other trends looks ridiculous, yet no one else on the campus will, not even your loyal roommate. That's just unfortunate.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who specializes in doing what she wants and consuming carbs. She makes the occasional silly clothing purchase but at least it's singular and not sheeplike.

Remembering the Titans

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." The Titans proved that they certainly were not born great, as they suffered a 42 to 0 loss against Geneva in their first game in 1891. But the Titans eventually achieved greatness. In little under four decades Titan Football mounted a 281-65-8 (.794) record from 1952-1990.

Harrold E. Burry, whose name Westminster's stadium justifiably bears, began the Titan football dynasty when he accepted the head coaching position for the Titans in 1952.

"The Titan Tradition dates its berth from a hot August day in 1952 when Harold E. Burry first ran onto the field as head coach of the football Titans," wrote Huey in a post-mortem article dedicated to Burry in 1992. "In the 100+ years of Titan football, there has been no more important day."

Like a general, Burry led his soldiers to five 8-0 seasons (1953, 1956, 1964, 1970, and 1971) and one 6-0-1 season (1955) to comprise Burry's six career undefeated seasons. In 1956 the Titans demonstrated their supremacy when they scored 344 points while allowing only 51 points. Titan defense gained a resilient reputation when in 1953 and 1954 the defense allowed only 33 points in each season. Burry coached two 24 game winning streaks from 1954-57 (23-0-2) and 1969-71 (23-0-1). Never suffering a homecoming loss, never witnessing a losing season, and 41 shutouts later, Burry retired and Dr. Joseph B. Fusco took the Titan reigns.

Fusco achieved four more NAIA Division II National Championships (1976, 1977, 1988, 1989), and upon his retirement Fusco mounted the second highest record of any contemporary NAIA football coaches with more than 10 years experience. Fuco's first undefeated team in 1977 (11-0) proved the best of all small college teams in the Eastern United States when they won the highly coveted Lambert Bowl. Fusco later led the Titans to two back-to-back titles in 1988 (14-0) and 1989 (13-0) to construct a 27-game winning streak which surpassed any contemporary college team in the nation at any level.

Gene Nicholson has the extraordinary honor as the only staff member to coach all six Westminster Football national championships (1970, MISSING ONE 1976, 1977, 1988, 1989,). After molding 23 All-Americans from 1969-90 Nicholson accepted the head coaching position in 1991 and in 1992 produced the 11th undefeated regular season team in school history. Nicholson set a NAIA when he won a sixth national championship in 1994.

The Titans have established national titles in each of the past three decades. After "having greatness thrust upon them," and upsetting nationally ranked Adrian last week, perhaps all students and faculty alike can rally behind a Titan tradition, support school spirit, and experience the history that is Titan football.

Is it just me? Does atheticism equal favoritism?

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Is it just me, or are some high school and college athletes being let off the hook more than the average student?

It seems that every time I turn on the television, I hear something that gets my mental wheels turning. Just recently, I came across a story about five high school football players in Kenton, Ohio who decided to play a prank one night. The boys got a fake deer and placed in the middle of a dark highway, then watched as oncoming traffic swerved around the plastic animal.

Each car that went by seemed startled by the image, which in some sickening way was funny to the boys. All laughter soon stopped when one car, drove by a teenage boy, saw the deer and swerved out of control. The car flipped over a couple times, finally crashing causing the driver and a male passenger serious injury. Both of the victims were hospitalized, one with brain damage and the other with injuries that lead to him having 10 surgeries.

After a few days of silence, the boys responsible for the act turned themselves in to authorities. Two of the convicted boys were given a 60-day sentence in juvenile detention. (Wait a minute…60 days?!)

But that's not the worst part of the story. The judge said, "I shouldn't be doing this, but I'm going to. I see positive things about participating in football," and he delayed their sentencing until after football season. (Was he serious?!)

I'm no stranger to the competitive nature of Ohio athletics, especially football. Ohio ranks after only Texas, California and Florida in terms of "vicious insanity about high school football," but this is taking it a little too far. So basically, the five young men whose stupidity almost cost two other young men their lives are rewarded by having the opportunity to continue their football careers. (Did I mention that they were star athletes on the team?)

I've heard some stories in my day about how athletes are getting away with so much more than everyone else; stories about how some of them goof off in class and still manage to receive high test scores, and more than passing grades. I've heard stories about how some teachers turn the other cheek to athletes causing problems, but the average student gets the book thrown at them.

I've even heard stories about athletes receiving gifts or money from school officials for their performance in their sports, but I never thought that things would get to this point. The families of the two victims were outraged…clearly.

Now, let's think about this situation realistically; I'm willing to bet a fresh pair of Timberlands (and I love my Tims) that if this had been a member of the math team causing this serious accident, the judge would not have said, "Well, I'll let you compete in the math tournament before serving your time." The only math that kid would have been using would be to count down the number of days that he or she had left to serve.

Why are we putting so much emphasis on the winning and losing outside of the classroom? That's all this situation was about. The judge and everyone else knew that this school, which was known for its football, would've had a better chance of winning games if these boys were there. It had nothing to do with this judge "seeing the positive with participating in football." I mean come on, if you're going to lie at least make it believable!

The question is, how are we rewarding those students who work hard in school, get the grades and deserve rewards? I'll tell you, we give them a couple dollars for school and then raise tuition so high that they eventually have to take out loan after loan to finish. When they finally get their degree they also get years of debt with it.

Meanwhile, some athletes (notice that I said some) screw around in school, yet excel in their athletic field and what do we give them? Full rides to the top schools, free tutoring, and all the athletic gear they can use. What's crazy is that most of them are not even going to the professional level in their sport. So what are we preparing them for? It seems that we have gotten our priorities all messed up. Do we care about winning a football game more than the well being of two innocent boys?

On Friday nights in Kenton, Ohio, one young man is healing from yet another surgery and another with brain damage fighting for his life. In the same town five young men, responsible for these boys' injuries, are under the Friday night lights playing football. There is something seriously wrong with that picture, but hey, it could just be me.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

TITAN EYE CANDY

This week, Jenn Corkadel proves guys aren't in bands just for the groupies

Junior Jack Marti formed Inductions of Reason with Luke Cypher and Jay Simmons, Art Institute alumni, and Michael Daugherty, Art Institute sophomore, three friends from the New Wilmington area, in December 2003. Sophomore Chris Lehberger joined in August 2005 and was first included on the band's second recording, The Sleep EP.

This winter, Inductions of Reason will return to the recording studio to create its first full-length album. Its music is a blend of the varying genres they appreciate, Jack and Chris leaning toward bands like Under Oath, their bandmates preferring alternative sounds such as the Goo Goo Dolls and unique European bands. The individual tastes play out and combine mellow melodies with heavy and fast rhythms for a unique sound that can't be easily categorized.

When Inductions of Reason first started to play publicly, its sound was more acoustic and fitting to the coffee shops and cafes they were in. When Jack joined, playing drums, the sound was more alternative; now that Chris has entered, he plays drums while Jack plays guitar and feels the band is primarily rock but with a different edge.

"We incorporate a lot of piano – we're not just a straight guitar, drum, bass band," Chris explained. "We're kind of across the board."

Not interested in being labeled a Christian band, Jack and Chris feel that the band's members' faith comes out in their songwriting and impacts their audiences more subtly.

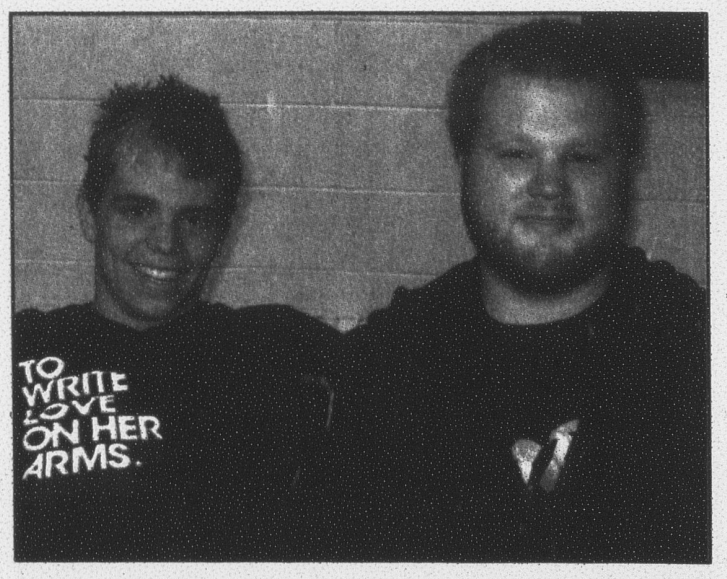

photo by Jenn Corkadel

Bandmates Chris Lehberger, left, and Jack Marti, right, take a few minutes to dish about Inductions of Reason.

"We define Christian music as praise and worship. We're spiritually influenced but don't want to force it," Chris said. "When you see us in concert, it's not like Michael W. Smith."

"So many bands out there have songs about drugs, alcohol, and sex – we want to be positive and don't have to be about those things to play good music," Jack explained. "We really look up to bands like Reliant K and Switchfoot," added Chris.

Inductions of Reason's members and their songwriting are also influenced by Mae, Anberlin, The Juliana Theory, Something Corporate, Underoath, Love Drug, Augustana and The Fray.

"We try to make music people like but still try to be original," Jack said.

Inductions of Reason will be playing in the Club Room at 10 p.m on Friday, September 29. it has played at Mr. Small's, Club Touch, Matrix, and The World as well as on campus in conjunction with SIFE and SGA. They have done shows with The Clarks, Tokyo Rose, Myriad, Edison Glass, and other signed acts.

While their dream is to make it big with the band, Chris and Jack have other interests they are pursuing as well.

As a psychology – human resources major and economics minor, Jack hopes to land a job doing government background checks or working for a human resources firm in the area. He works off-campus part-time and is involved in SIFE.

Chris is currently an exploratory major but plans to write for a major music magazine and will likely declare public relations. He is also working towards minors in writing and religion. Chris is a member of Lambda Sigma, the swim team, and SGA.

While friends before the band started, its members have grown closer since beginning to work together collaboratively. Admitting that there are occasional artistic differences, they get along well as a whole and enjoy playing together while other bands' personal friendships wane in similar circumstances.

"We go to shows with other bands and the guys have their hoods up and are kind of emo," Chris laughs.

"We're pushing each other and goofing around because we're friends," Jack adds.

"One thing everyone should know about us – we make music because we like it and it's fun, but our talents are a gift from God and we are only able to do this because he allows it," Chris said.

Currently, earning local support is most important to the band's members. To listen to some of the band's music, check out their page at www.myspace.com/inductionsofreason to hear four songs from The Sleep EP, which can be purchased at the group's website www.inductionsofreason.com/store/store .html.

Know a student or faculty member on campus who's done something unique or gone through a major obstacle in their life? Let us know about it! Contact information for The Holcad *is in the staff box on the opinion page.*

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Number of Argo yearbooks students bought this year

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Friday
Partly sunny, 59/38

Saturday
Mostly sunny, 62/45

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Sunny and beautiful, 71/50

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SGA to hold semesterly event

By Chris Norris
Campus writer

Free food, free drinks, free golf cart rides to class. This sounds like heaven to some, but it's actually the ever-popular SGA Day.

The annual event has been held on campus by the executive council and senators of SGA and has gained popularity through the years.

Every semester, SGA Day is held to promote the Student Government Association and its commitment to serve the student body and to provide the campus with a fun-filled day.

"We work as a senate to better the lives of students on campus and give students an opportunity to voice their opinion," Stephanie Martin, organizer of SGA Day said.

The day is marked with free food for breakfast, usually pizza for lunch, hot pretzels in the late afternoon and of course, the most popular of all, free golf cart rides all over campus.

Along with the food and golf cart rides, there are always gifts, such as t-shirts, Frisbees and can-coolers.

"I think SGA Day is important because it is a great way to publicize SGA and its purpose of serving the students we represent," Martin said.

She feels that the day is also a great way to make students realize what SGA is all about. Taking care

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Swiper more Swiping?

By Akesha N. Joseph
Staff writer

College officials and the Student Government Association are currently working with area businesses on a project that would allow student to swipe their cards in the New Wilmington borough.

Titan cards are a convenience that every student on campus enjoys with Dine Dollars for meals, and debit funds on the card that can be used in the bookstore, gift shop, and every vending machine on campus.

The project has been in the works for close to two years now, with Business Manager of the college, Don Shelenberger, and both former and current Student Government officials.

If the project is successfully completed, students will be able to use their Titan debit funds they have place on their cards (not dine dollars), for goods and services off campus at a few popular sites.

The project began initially from the interest of area businesses, and heightened interest of the students.

In an online survey conducted by SGA last year, students ranked Mugsies, Pizza Joes, and Subway as their top three businesses they would like to see the Titan Card Swipers.

However, whether or not these businesses will be installing the swipers is still questionable, as officials are still in the contracting and planning phase of the project.

According to Adam Leech, secretary of SGA, there has been slow progression of the project and some faculty reluctancy, due to the costly financial obligation that would be inflicted on both the college and area merchants. Installation of the Titan Card swipers is estimated to cost about $400 dollars per unit.

However, the wiring that would allow the transactions to take place between the college and the

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Frisbee club going the distance

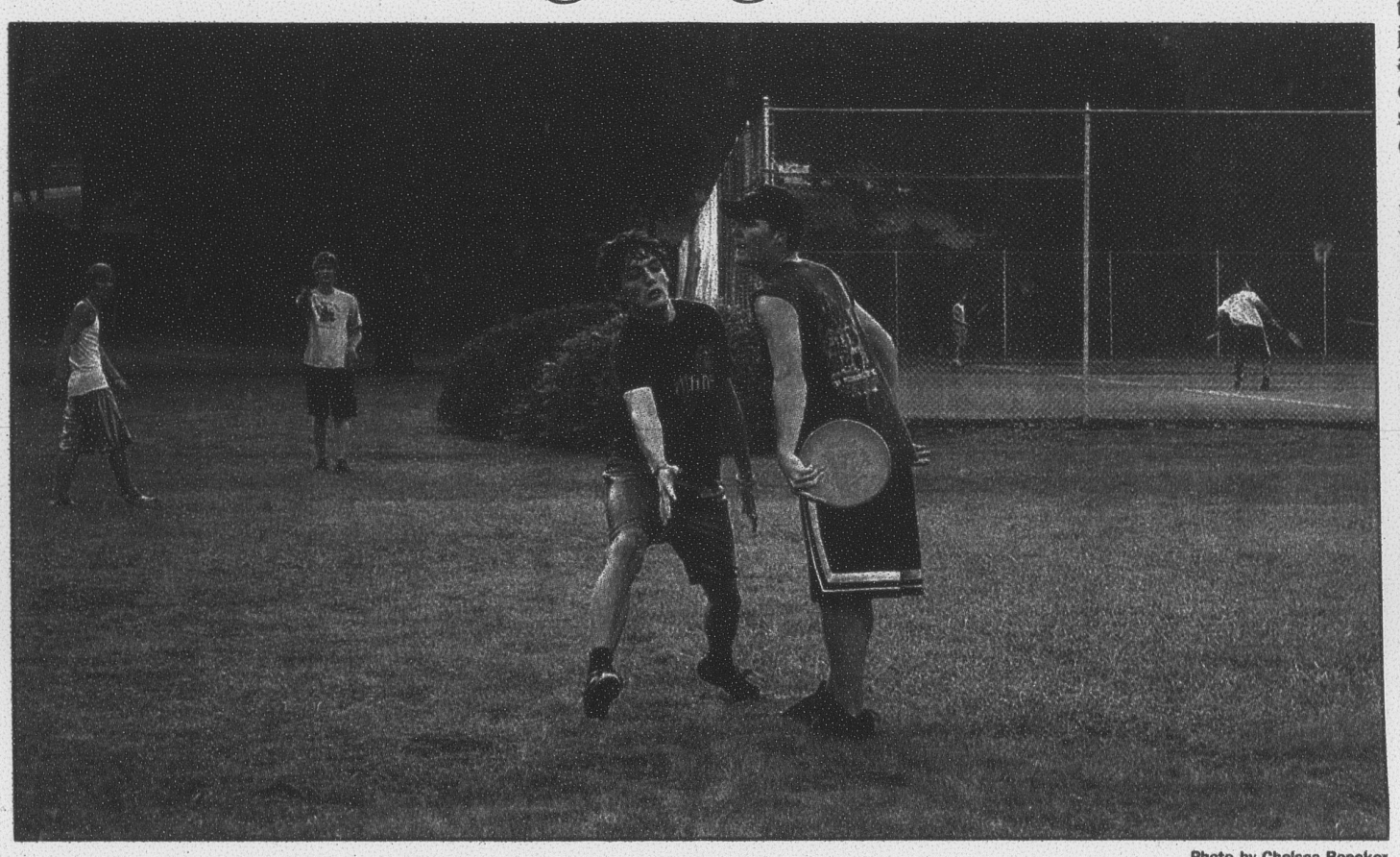

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Students frequently play ultimate frisbee in the field by the tennis courts.

By Nina Pino
Campus writer

Within the last two years, a group of fun-seeking Frisbee addicts on campus have taken their shared hobby to new heights.

On campus we have sororities, fraternities, musical groups, academic associations, and sports clubs, but do we have enough fun? That is a trick question, of course, as no one can ever have 'enough fun,' but there are several students here that have made it their mission to allow everyone a chance for just that. After the success of the Frisbee club he started as an R.D. at St. Vincent College, Jonathan Strine started one at Westminster in the fall of 2004. Brian Campbell, the first president, led the team to their first tournaments at surrounding schools including IUP and St. Vincent.

"The first tournament was called the 'Halloween Huck,'" said Dan O'Keefe, one of the team's current captains. "Each team got all dressed up for Halloween in the tournament, and I'm pretty sure we came in fourth place overall in that tournament." Interest levels in the club have been steadily climbing, and the team gets turnouts between 20 and 30 students to play almost every afternoon at around 4 p.m.

"It's great exercise, and a lot of my friends play, too," said two-year member Curtis Yenyo. "Plus, as I continue to play, I get better, and that is always a good reason to play." There are still many prospective members on campus. "I see them out there by Russell all the time on my way back from classes" said student, Jared McConkey, "I've been thinking about joining up for a while, they always look like they are having so much fun."

With a little bit of financial help from SGA, the Frisbee club raises much of their own funds to handle the expenses of the vans for traveling. One of these fundraisers involved selling Frisbees around campus. Derek Ferrier, the current president, is looking to get a team together to go to St. Vincent's "Halloween Huck" this year, and eventually host a tournament here. So, keep on the lookout Frisbee fanatics!

If you are serious about having fun, there is definitely one group you should catch up with around 4 p.m. every Friday that affords good Frisbee weather.

Argo to be dedicated Oct. 9

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

The 2005-2006 edition of the Argo will be dedicated on Monday, Oct. 9 at noon in the Witherspoon Room.

This edition of the Argo will be dedicated to both a student and a member of the faculty, the identities of which will be kept secret until the dedication. The student dedicatee has been selected by last year's yearbook committee based on his or her recent impacts on the campus. The faculty dedicatee was nominated last year by senior year book staff members. The staff decided on a member of the faculty who they felt stood out as an excellent contributor to the college.

"Before nominating candidates, the seniors were told to think about faculty members who had a large impact on the lives of their students," former Argo Editor-in-Chief Ray Walling said concerning what went into the yearbook staff's decision.

"The Argo dedication will recognize a member of the faculty for his or her wealth of knowledge and ability to connect with students," Jenny Slobodian, editor of this year's Argo said.

Photo by an enterprising editor-in-chief

The yearbooks sit in the Argo office waiting to be distributed next week.

Employment restrictions lifted

By Corey Baker
Campus writer

Unemployed students no longer have to travel off-campus to look for jobs.

An all-campus e-mail was sent out to students announcing that non-work study eligible students can now have jobs on campus. The e-mail stated that students can find jobs on campus as long as they are employment eligible. The Student Employment Office made this decision based on polices set last year by the President's staff.

"There are still a lot of openings left around campus that need to be filled," said Janet Waugaman, assistant director of the Career Center.

Four hundred ninety students currently work on campus. Work study eligible students are the first to get the jobs offered by the campus. Freshmen students are assigned their jobs so they do not have to go off campus hunting for employment. Upper classmen often get to pick their jobs based on previous years' experience. Many students go back to their previous jobs each year.

Jobs that are still open include dining services, Phone-a-Thon, athletics, audio visual, stage crew, and info systems. The positions that fill the fastest are the desk sitting jobs and the athletic positions. Students pick their own hours based upon their schedules. As of now, students are making the current minimum wage. This will change in January, when the minimum wage will increase.

"I wish that I would have known about this opportunity before I got a job off campus," said sophomore Jamie Spisak.

Many students feel the same way. If a student is not work study eligible, he or she may not be employment eligible. This poses the question of what it means to be employment eligible. A student must have money left over in his or her financial aid package in order to be employment eligible. This poses a problem because students may have to decrease some of their loans that they took out in order to work on campus.

"I was not work study eligible," said junior Amanda Bohler, "I was relieved when I found out I was employment eligible because I didn't have to travel off campus to find a-job."

This opportunity is only open until the end of the year. If students are interested in finding out if they are work eligible, they must contact the financial aid office.

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Opinion

Forum for your thoughts

On occassion, the staff publishes a letter or essay from a professor wishing to express his/her thoughts on an issue that relates to students. This week, Dr. Na of the RHPC Dpt. shares his opinion on Jeans Day.

Beyond Tolerance to Respect and Love

In anticipation of the annual Jeans Day, I remember the declaration I signed in the TUB last year against unjust discrimination. I also remember that before fall break three years ago, I received an e-mail invitation from ALLIES that pleaded, "Show us your Jeans!" Upon reading it, I thought about it critically–critical reflection is what I demand of all my students, and I try to practice what I teach. As expected, some questions arose. Those questions of three years ago have resurfaced each year that I wore my denim ribbon in support of Jeans Day.

First, some clarity. I support the noble causes of Jeans Day as articulated in that e-mail and on the numerous placards that were around campus. More significantly, I fully embrace members of ALLIES as valuable members of the Westminster community. That e-mail's call to treat all people as human beings sat well with my philosophy of life and my Christian convictions. Of course my Christian, philanthropic, humanitarian convictions would include human beings who profess to be homosexual or who support all who profess to be homosexual. The fundamental equality and humanity of all human beings are ideals that I cherish as a Christian, informed by the collective wisdom of two millennia of Christian scriptures and doctrines, viz., that all people are bearers of *imago Dei*, the image, the icon, or even the imprint of God. All human beings. Period. All human life is sacred. All human life. Period.

According to the e-mail, the "primary purpose of Jeans Day is to raise awareness and promote tolerance for fellow human beings." As a protégé of the juggernaut of political correctness, "tolerance" has been promoted on most campuses from an ideological catchword in the rhetorical vocabulary of Democrats and Republicans to the status of sacral mantra signifying intellectual enlightenment. "Tolerance," like its cousin "diversity," has procured for itself quasi-sacred dimensions, seemingly becoming an untouchable idea and ideal for anyone who would dare possess and exercise intellect or compassion. "Tolerance" has been elevated from the essentially non–political "capacity to endure pain or hardship" to a highly political quasi-virtue of the enlightened person in the "post"-Enlightenment hodgepodge we call postmodernity.

It is odd, though, that "tolerance" is not to be found in the history of human civilizations among the noblest of human virtues, like wisdom, temperance, courage, or justice. I am not aware that "tolerance" ever made any list of virtues anywhere. Even more profound a realization is that by that word, we have unwittingly demoted the aspirations of Western civilization and its progress. For the verb "to tolerate" carries a pejorative connotation in that it means "to put up with" someone or something. To a person who has embraced Jesus' command to love one's enemies (assuming I have any at all), this invitation to tolerate other human beings is a bar set much, much too low. Christians are never called to tolerate, but to invite, to welcome, to eat and drink with, to embrace, to converse with, to worship with–in short, to love others as they do themselves.

I was somewhat relieved to read further in the e-mail that wearing jeans would signify that "you believe that everyone around you should be treated with equal respect no matter how different they are from you." Much better, I thought. Jeans Day is in fact not really about toleration–not about putting up with people and things. It's about mutual respect, which brings me to the principal reason for my writing this.

My sympathy and solidarity are with those who wear jeans and with those who do not. I have been in academia long enough now to know the enlightened (i.e., generally "liberal Democratic") tendencies of the great majority of those who are professors in America and Europe. Even with my fundamental convictions about the fundamental equality of all human beings, I nevertheless have not yet been persuaded that homosexual behavior is nature-ordained or should be embraced uncritically by Christianity or any philosophy–everything should be questioned. In some minds, that statement may earn me the title of "homophobic." But that is absurd. I have no fear or anxieties with regard to homosexual people, as a claustrophobic might with regard to closed or narrow spaces. In fact, just as tolerance may be the wrong word, homophobia may be misdirected, since phobia means an "abnormal, illogical dread."

Believing that homosexuality is not the norm of natural reproduction, or thinking that a person's homosexuality is perhaps more culturally constructed than naturally determined, at least not as a natural norm, does not constitute an illogical, abnormal dread–NB: culturally constructed reality seems to be one of postmodernity's beloved tenets. Just because I happen not to agree with the Republican platform on various issues does not make me a Republicanophobic, a label I can certainly live without. All it means is that my thinking does not (at the moment) lead me to embrace Republican ideology. It does not mean that I have an abnormal, illogical fear of Republicans or Republicanism. Thinking that homosexual behavior–NB: behavior, not people who say they are homosexual–is not natural or not divinely sanctioned does not constitute a phobia. Holding such beliefs can be the result of thoughtful deliberation and choice; it is not by default a curious disorder of the psyche.

May I suggest that all of us who support Jeans Day treat all non-supporters of Jeans Day with as much non-discrimination as we ourselves embrace and promote. On a campus where people labeled as Bush-supporters or Christian fundamentalists are often stereotyped and caricatured by more than a few professorial pundits of Westminster's intelligentsia as those in need of being led to become enlightened Bush-bashers and liberal Democrats, I, who am neither a Bush-fan nor -basher, would propose that Jeans Day be embraced as a way of saying "enough" to intellectual, political, or religious condescension.

Human solidarity means daring to cross boundaries of disagreement to be human together on this lone planet suspended (sort of) in a vast sea of cold, dark space. Diehards among the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority and those avid guardians of NOW should all wear jeans, neither side looking down at the other as being less than human or less than educated. The liberalest of Democrats and the conservativest of Republicans should also do likewise: view and treat all with respect. Christians should do even more: love everyone.

The e-mail I received last fall shouted, "Show us your Jeans!" I have worn my denim ribbon each year in support of the noble intentions of Jeans Day. I have done so in full support of students and others who belong to ALLIES and promote its benevolent, humanitarian purposes. I will continue to do so expecting that all jeans-wearers practice what they wear.

Respectfully submitted,
Kang Na
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PS: Since some people do not own jeans and others are just used to wearing jeans every day without intending any statement, visible denim ribbons would be a clearer symbol of support for the spirit of Jeans Day–that's what I wear, anyway.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diversity opportunities offered if students seek them

Considering the amount of debate in recent issues of the Holcad about diversity, I feel the need to present another view: one that puts the issue of diversity in the hands of the student.

We are all aware that Westminster College is not the most diverse school in the country. However, that does not mean that you must leave college unprepared to embrace the diversity you will find in the outside world.

Westminster offers a number of organizations that promote diversity in various ways. These include the International Cultures Club, the Black Student Union, and Amnesty International. All of these organizations give insight into life either outside of New Wilmington PA, or outside of the country. All are a valuable learning tool that can plug students into those that are different from them.

Other events take place on campus year-round that also expose students to different cultures. These come in the form of coffeehouses, speakers, (like the recent group in Chapel from Malawi), and so on. Also this year, as in the past, on December 6 an International Festival will take place. This is a time where students can taste food and enjoy entertainment from a variety of cultures.

Besides the clubs, and events sponsored by Diversity Services and other departments, and the opportunity to meet exchange students, there are classes offered in history, political science, sociology, and other disciplines, that seek to educate our homogenous students on the world around them.

Then, there are opportunities that you, the student, need to explore…study abroad semesters, travel courses, internships- all of these opportunities can be used to expand your knowledge of the world.

The reality is that Westminster is not unlike other small colleges in middle-class America. It is a small, private, rural, expensive school, and for obvious reasons, large universities have the upper hand in recruiting students from different backgrounds.

I am not saying it wouldn't be nice to expand diversity at my Alma Mater, or that I don't strongly believe we should take steps towards this. What I am saying is that just because we are not there now, it does not mean that students have to fail in the subject of diversity. My suggestion would be to prepare yourself now so that you can actually hold a conversation with your diverse colleagues when the time comes. Nobody likes an "ignorant American".

In Christie Grewe's letter last week, she said "being around different cultures enhances you with something Westminster can't," and I agree. There is nothing truly like experiencing diversity first hand, however, you can be ready and knowledgeable. You can know about other people: their culture, their history, their current events- and you can learn all of that from Westminster.

Diversity should not be an all or nothing game. College is an opportune time to expand your knowledge of the world and you should do so by all, and any of the means available.

Nawal Rajeh
Class of 2006

A Tale of Two Westminsters

"George Berlin once said to me at a Board of Trustees meeting "Westminster is a very special place, it is up to you [as an alum] to keep it that way." - Ray Walling

It is on the basis of this advice that we have offered, and will continue to offer thoughts about our alma mater. Over the last few weeks readers have been exposed to two ideological versions of Westminster College: one "related to the Presbyterian Church" and another labeled a "Presbyterian School." We would to take some time to explore the differences between the two and comment on possible ramifications.

In 2002, the Board of Trustees examined our relationship with the Presbyterian Church. Out of this inquiry came the YPS program and, in our opinion, the popular notion of Westminster as a "Presbyterian School." The administration subsequently created a large scholarship program for Presbyterians, but has thus far refused to acknowledge explicitly the implications of the associated shift to the right. Ultimately, what is at stake here is the conception of our collective institutional identity, an identity that does much to determine the scope of our student body.

The much-touted increase in geographical diversity has come at great cost. Academic standards have fallen during the past few years. We have witnessed declining SAT scores, grade inflation, unstable enrollment, and the lack of a coherent vision for the future. Though funding has been increased for pet scholarships, the administration has also underfunded the Honors Program, cut majors, reduced graduation requirements and has taken other actions in contravention of academic excellence.

Last week, Bill Shondelmyer seemed to imply that our debate is merely over scholarship money and the right to have a YPS-style program. Red herring arguments, such as an error-ridden, apples-to-oranges comparison with Grove City College, lead those concerned with Westminster astray from significant issues. We are apprehensive about the ability of future students to attend an institution committed to a liberal arts curriculum of the highest caliber. We view Westminster's institutional identity confusion as a major roadblock to achieving these goals and seek an explicit clarification of said identity. Therefore, we propose a major step towards a solution.

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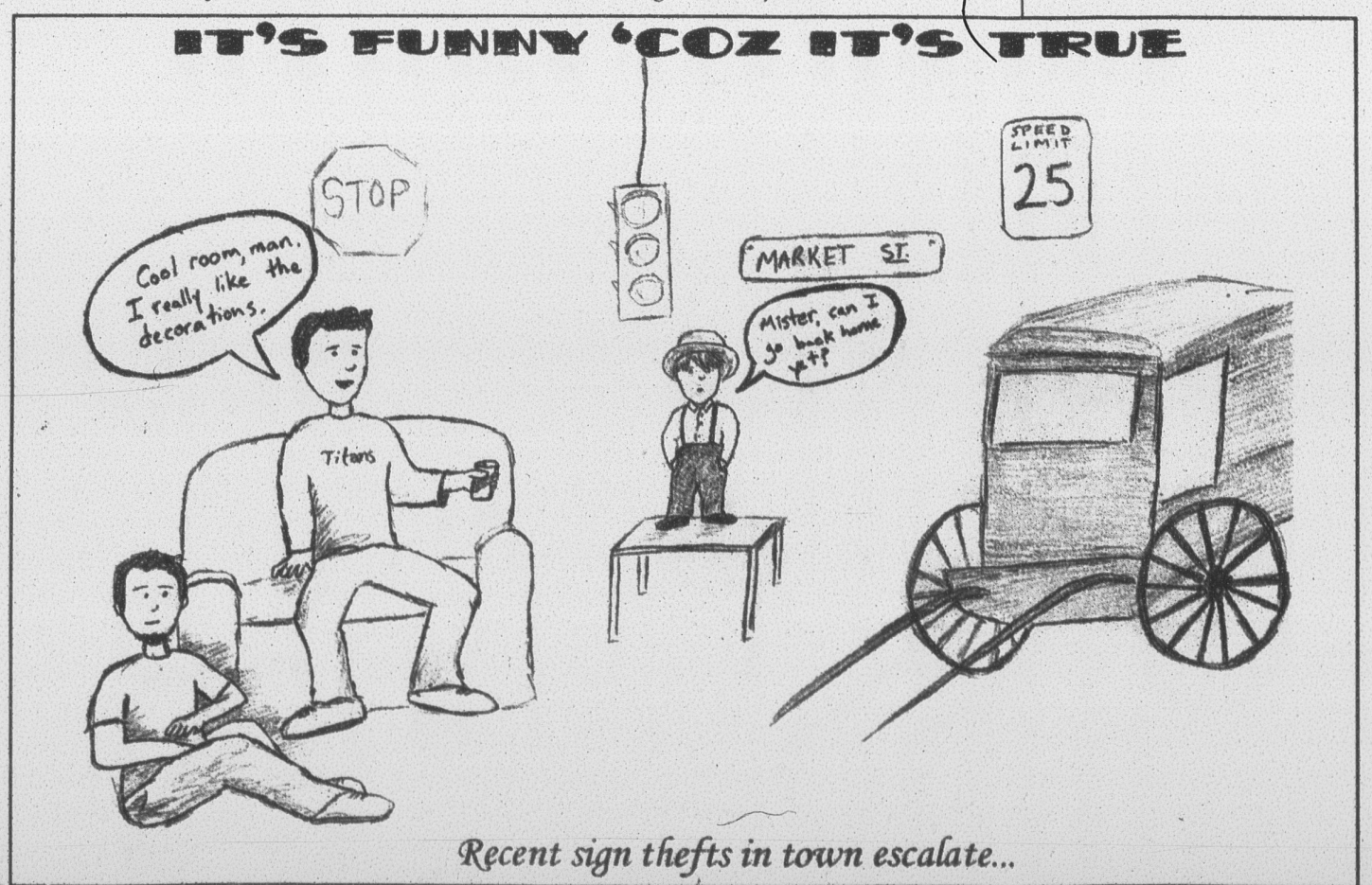

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Five Amish children killed in shooting

Five other children injured in Lancaster County schoolhouse

QUARRYVILLE, Pa. (AP) - When the deputy coroner reached the Amish schoolhouse, she found blood on every desk, every window broken and the body of a young girl slumped beneath the chalkboard. Ten children had been shot, five fatally, and the gunman was dead.

"It was horrible. I don't know how else to explain it," Amanda Shelley, deputy Lancaster County coroner, said Wednesday. "I hope to never see anything like that again in my life."

The gunman, a 32-year-old milk truck driver and father of three, was wearing jeans, a T-shirt and a button-down shirt, Shelley said. He had stationed weapons around the schoolhouse and "really appeared he had planned on staying there a few hours," she said.

Authorities say Charles Carl Roberts IV had started buying supplies for a long siege six days before he stormed the tiny schoolhouse. He made a checklist of what to bring and wrote out four suicide notes, one talking about how he was "filled with so much hate" and "unimaginable emptiness."

Monday morning, Roberts ran his milk route as usual and walked his own children to school, police said. Then he drove to the Amish school and walked inside.

Teacher Emma Mae Zook, 20, said she immediately sensed something was off.

"He stood very close to me to talk and didn't look in my face to talk," she told the Intelligencer Journal of Lancaster in Wednesday's edition. She thought he was saying something about a metal object in the road.

Roberts walked back to his truck, then reappeared at the door with a gun, she said.

He sent the adults and boys out and bound the 10 girls in a row at the chalkboard, police said. He had been inside for about an hour, at one point speaking briefly by cell phone with his wife, when authorities closed in and Roberts opened fire on the girls at close range, fatally wounding five of them and then killing himself.

"We're quite certain, based on what we know, that he had no intention of coming out of there alive," State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller said.

The letters Roberts left behind and that short conversation with his wife indicated Roberts had remembered molesting two relatives 20 years ago and had been tormented by dreams about molesting again.

Roberts had brought lubricating jelly to the schoolhouse and may have planned to sexually assault the Amish girls, Miller said. He said a piece of lumber found in the school had 10 large eyebolts spaced about 10 inches apart, suggesting that Roberts may have planned to truss up the girls.

In the suicide notes, Roberts also said he was haunted by the death of his prematurely born daughter in 1997. The baby, Elise, died 20 minutes after being delivered, Miller said.

Elise's death "changed my life forever," Roberts wrote to his wife. "I haven't been the same since it affected me in a way I never felt possible. I am filled with so much hate, hate toward myself hate towards God and unimaginable emptyness it seems like everytime we do something fun I think about how Elise wasn't here to share it with us and I go right back to anger."

The state police commissioner on Tuesday laid out the steps Roberts took in the days and hours leading up to his attack on the West Nickel Mines Amish School in Lancaster County, where the Amish live an 18th-century lifestyle with no automobiles and electricity.

"He certainly was very troubled, psychologically deep down, and was dealing with things that nobody else knew he was dealing with," Miller said. But he said Roberts, who was not Amish, did not appear to have anything against the Amish people.

During the standoff, Roberts told his wife in a cell phone call that he molested two female relatives when they were 3 to 5 years old, Miller said. Also, in the note to his wife, Marie, he said he "had dreams about doing what he did 20 years ago again," Miller said.

Police could not immediately confirm Roberts' claim that he molested relatives, and family members knew nothing of molestation in his past. Police located the two relatives and were hoping to interview them.

At the time Roberts' wife received the phone call, she was attending a meeting of a prayer group she led that prayed for the community's schoolchildren.

At least three prayer services were held Tuesday night, attended by more than 1,650 people, who observed moments of silence, sang hymns and listened to Bible readings.

"Set your troubled hearts to rest," the Rev. Douglas Hileman said from the pulpit of Georgetown United Methodist Church, a short distance from the crime scene. "May we be able to forgive as God has already forgiven us."

The victims were identified as Naomi Rose Ebersole, 7; Anna Mae Stoltzfus, 12; Marian Fisher, 13; Mary Liz Miller, 8; and her sister Lena Miller, 7. Stoltzfus' sister was among the wounded.

Three other girls were in critical condition and two were in serious condition. They ranged in age from 6 to 13.

Sam Stoltzfus, 63, an Amish woodworker who lives a few miles away from the shooting scene, said the victims' families will be sustained by their faith.

"We think it was God's plan and we're going to have to pick up the pieces and keep going," he said. "A funeral to us is a much more important thing than the day of birth because we believe in the hereafter. The children are better off than their survivors."

NATIONAL

Mother protests Potter

Says Harry Potter books are "evil" and should be removed from library

ATLANTA (AP) - A suburban county that sparked a public outcry when its libraries temporarily eliminated funding for Spanish-language fiction is now being asked to ban Harry Potter books from its schools.

Laura Mallory, a mother of four, told a hearing officer for the Gwinnett County Board of Education on Tuesday that the popular fiction series is an "evil" attempt to indoctrinate children in the Wicca religion.

Board of Education attorney Victoria Sweeny said that if schools were to remove all books containing reference to witches, they would have to ban "Macbeth" and "Cinderella."

"There's a mountain of evidence for keeping Harry Potter," she said, adding that the books don't support any particular religion but present instead universal themes of friendship and overcoming adversity.

In June, the county's library board eliminated the $3,000 that had been set aside to buy Spanish-language fiction in the coming fiscal year. One board member said the move came after some residents objected to using taxpayer dollars to entertain readers who might be illegal immigrants.

Days later, the board reversed its decision amid accusations that the move was anti-Hispanic.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Election signs of the times

Campaign signs for local and state races are now popping up at road intersections and in yards throughout the area. These campaign signs are a signal that Pennsylvania's November 7 General Election is just one month away. The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming election is October 10.

The General Election will also be a first for Lawrence County's new electronic ballot machines. Voters used these machines during May's Primary Election. All counties in the Commonwealth were required to modernize the polls because of a federal mandate.

Ex-Nazi turned local resident stripped of citizenship

A U.S. District Court judge in Pittsburgh has revoked the American citizenship of an elderly Mercer County man who once served as a Nazi death camp guard. Attorneys for 81-year old Anton Geiser say they will appeal the decision.

Geiser has admitted he immigrated to the U.S. after World War II hiding his secret that he served as a guard at the Sachsenhausen death camp near Berlin where the Nazis murdered thousands of people. A federal judge has now stripped Geiser of his rights as a naturalized citizen.

U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan says her office will now work to have Geiser removed from the country. Geiser has lived in the U.S. since 1956. He worked as a steelworker in Sharon until he retired in the 1980s where he continues to live with his family.

REGIONAL

Men accused in Duquesne shooting ordered to stand trial

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Two men accused of shooting five Duquesne University basketball players outside a school dance, and a woman who allegedly encouraged them, were ordered Wednesday to stand trial.

William Holmes, 18, of Penn Hills, and Derek Lee, 18, of Pittsburgh, face five counts each of attempted homicide and aggravated assault and one count of carrying a firearm without a license in the Sept. 17 shootings. Neither man is a student at the university.

Several players have told The Associated Press that one of the shooters was a non-student unhappy that a woman he accompanied to the dance had talked with a player.

Two other people are also accused of playing roles in the shootings.

Erica R. Sager, 18, of Wilkinsburg, was ordered Wednesday to stand trial on charges that she urged Holmes and Lee to shoot the players following an argument.

Brittany Jones, 19, of Penn Hills, was the first person arrested. She has already been ordered to stand trial for allegedly helping six men get into the dance even though she knew some of them were armed.

The most seriously injured player, Sam Ashaolu, was moved Monday from critical care into a rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital. The other four players are back on campus.

Political Pong: Elections and Iraq

With the election season in full swing, Carsen and I decided that this week we would debate an important issue in the upcoming election: Iraq.

Let's be honest; everyone loves a good divisive political issue. Ok, not really, but in a nation that is already polarized, this issue has done nothing but widen the gap. You hear about it at least f400 times a week, and almost everyone has an opinion on it. It is not the first time this issue has been at the forefront of campaign issues, but we can only hope it is the last time. Why do I say this? By the next election, we need to be out of Iraq.

You know, we wouldn't actually have to be dealing with this issue if we never had gone into Iraq in the first place. It may seem redundant to debate this considering that we made our choice to go into Iraq over three years ago, but just bear with me.

Why did we initially go into Iraq? The answer given to the American people was that we were going to free the citizens or Iraq from Saddam Hussein's oppressive dictatorship. There has been much debate as to whether that was the real reason or not, but that is another article altogether.

For argument's sake, let's say that we truly were going on a humanitarian mission. Militarily and economically, the United States is

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

probably the strongest country in the world; however, we cannot and should not be the policemen of the world. What about the countries in Africa in which there are civil wars and hunger? If we went to Iraq, should we not go everywhere else in the world?

President Bush declared war on Iraq in late March of 2003. Approximately six weeks after war was declared, Bush stood on an American ship and announced the infamous words, "mission accomplished." These words were intended to mean that major combat operations in Iraq were over. As we know now, the mission was not actually even close to accomplished. Saddam was not found until December of 2003, and more soldiers have died after the 'end of major combat operations' than before.

I promised I'd get back to the main point eventually, so here it is. If our purpose for going into Iraq was to free the people of Iraq from Saddam Hussein, then we have done that. It is now October of 2006; we captured Saddam in December of 2003. That is almost three years. Let's also say for the sake of argument that since we removed the head of the government, we should help them rebuild. We stuck in Iraq and helped insure that the first free elections (January 2005) in many decades occurred without major issues.

That was well over a year and a half ago. Unfortunately, we keep sending more and more soldiers to Iraq. What are they doing there? We freed the Iraqis and set them up so they could have free elections. Iraq is not the United States; there has to be a line drawn as to when we should pull out. That line was crossed over a year ago.

Iraq will never be completely stable as long as there are American forces in Iraq. This may not be the best analogy, but it's kind of like letting a child stand on its own two feet without parents holding the child up. Technically, the government has accomplished the goals that they set out to accomplish.

Disregarding the varying opinions on the war in general, doesn't it seem like the facts say we should leave? Yeah, they do.

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I do remember an election where Iraq wasn't on the forefront of every national candidate's issue list. But it's fuzzy. I mean, I was only 13 then.

Needless to say, the war overwhelmingly dominates politics. It's like Sodexho at Westminster; the debates (and complaints) never end. Iraq will be a staple of conversation in the midterm elections. So, to make sure you're well informed this November, I'll tell you why going into Iraq was a great choice and staying there is an even better one.

Everyone knows the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, were the product of an extremist Islamic jihad. Where did most of the terrorists come from? Saudi Arabia and other parts of the Middle East. Let's look at a map, shall we? Iraq happens to be in the Middle East. Close by is Iran and Syria, possibly the biggest sponsors of terrorism around. Saddam Hussein's actions before and around the time of Sept. 11 were questionable at best; the United Nations was on his case along with the United States. We decided to use Iraq as a deterrent for other dictators in the area and spread U.S.-friendly governments to an area that is overwhelmingly less than U.S.-friendly. A positive presence there could only improve our relationship with Middle Eastern countries.

I'm not saying we've met those goals. It's a slow, hard process. But

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

things are getting better, not worse.

Now critics say our presence in Iraq is giving terrorists more incentive to attack western societies. But wait – as the President pointed out in his speech on Sept. 30, we weren't in Iraq during the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993. Nor were we there for the USS Cole bombing. And we weren't in Iraq during Sept. 11 either. Terrorists had no "Iraq incentive" to destroy innocent lives then, why would it make that much of a difference now?

Pulling out of Iraq would have overwhelming repercussions. The country would quickly turn into a safe haven for terrorists, a place in the Middle East where violence and extremism is acceptable and even preferred. Yes, there were free elections in Iraq, and there is a government in place there to prevent such a thing from happening. But the situation is still unstable. Pulling out now would be like making a six course meal for your father's birthday, leaving it on the table for an hour and coming back to find the dog ate the whole thing. All you get is a ruined meal and really angry at a dog who just wanted to take advantage of the situation.

Remaining on the offensive in that country keeps terror groups from believing they are winning the war. They spend time running from U.S. troops and avoiding capture rather than recruiting new extremists and planning new attacks. If we left now, jihadist groups would instantly recruit people and invigorate the process even more than before. They would have access to the wealth of oil there and use oil to their advantage. (Yes, I'll admit that we have oil interest. But it's not selfish interest. It's protection we're worried about). The last thing we want is renewed terrorist interest.

The United States cannot show weakness by leaving the situation now. Showing weakness means the terrorists have won. Our armed forces are far superior to their armies, so the war cannot be won on the battlefield. An internal decision – a weakened resolve – will break it for us. Pulling out now will create a breeding ground for terrorists that America and the Western world is not ready to handle.

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Campus News

Bailey rocks campus

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

Singer, songwriter and cancer survivor: David M. Bailey, who sang in concert on campus on Thursday Oct. 5, is all of these things and more.

Bailey spent most of his childhood in Beirut, Lebanon, until the civil war forced him to Germany, where he attended boarding school. He started writing his own songs by the seventh grade, and while in secondary school, he spent his weekends as a street musician. However, in spite of his talent for music, Bailey chose a career in corporate America and might still be following that path today if he was not diagnosed with cancer in 1996. This concert was intended to raise cancer awareness, and throughout the evening, there was a free will offering to benefit cancer research.

"A friend of David's in the area was recently diagnosed with cancer, which prompted the idea for the concert," YPS coordinator Carey Anne Meyer LaSor said.

The campus gospel choir joined Bailey on several songs, such as "To the World" and "Keep on Walking." He was also joined by members of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, who talked about cancer awareness. The Zeta Tau Alpha sisters had a table with information on breast cancer awareness and their upcoming event "Shoot for the Cause."

Members of Alpha Sigma Phi promoted the Relay for Life and talked about why they were involved in raising money for the American Cancer Society. The Theta Chi fraternity collected the free will offering to benefit cancer research.

"All of the proceeds from the free will offering are going towards cancer research, not for David's medical treatments," Meyer LaSor said.

Bailey started performing after he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in 1996, and 10 years later he is still going strong.

"This is the first time we've tried to do anything like this" Meyer LaSor said. "It would be great if we raised $1,000; it could either finish off the fiscal year for Relay for Life or kick start this year's."

However, it has not yet been decided how the proceeds are to be split between the American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Either way, this is a great opportunity for these groups to get together and do something to promote cancer awareness," Meyer LaSor said.

The concert was also a great opportunity for students to relax and enjoy a night of inspiring music.

"David Bailey's music really speaks to the heart," sophomore Nicky Piszczor said. "His use of everyday references in his songs creates a connection that helps you understand the meaning behind the music."

Photo by Leanna Stitt

David Bailey sings with backup assistance from the gospel choir to a full audience in the chapel on Thursday night, October 6th. The chapel was packed with students, faculty, and members of the community.

Greeks to sweep borough

By Tiffany Snyder
Campus writer

Greeks will hit the streets of New Wilmington on Oct. 7th to help set a good example for the community.

The Theta Chi fraternity has been sponsoring this charitable Greek Sweep event for eight years. This is one of the few times during the year when the Greek community comes together.

"It's a great way for Greeks to care about their community," junior Jeremy Lawler said.

At least one representative from the following Greek organizations will be helping: Sigma Kappa, Phi Kappa Tau, Alpha Gamma Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi, Kappa Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha. The Phi Mu sorority will not be participating because of insurance purposes but will be contributing desserts for the end of the event.

"Greek Sweep is one of the best ways we can reach out to the community," senior John Buco said. "It allows us to give something back and the community accepts us."

Greeks will start at the Theta Chi house at 10:00 a.m. and disperse throughout the community to pick up trash. Teams of five to 10 people will receive brooms, dust pans and trash bags.

The Greeks stick to general trash, not picking leaves or branches. The groups will proceed back to the Theta Chi house with their trash bags at noon. When the sweep is over, the sororities and fraternities members will have a cookout at Theta Chi house including burgers, hot dogs, chips and desserts.

"It's important for the Greeks to feel part of the community," said senior Katie Crompton.

SGA passes resolution protecting publications

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) passed an amendment last week that specifically prevents all official campus publications from being tampered with or stolen without consequence.

The amendment, drafted last year by *The Holcad* editor-in-chief Colin Dean and 2006 graduates Kathryn Larson and Ray Walling, declares that a person who willfully obtains unauthorized control over an unreasonable number of copies of any edition of an official campus publication will risk facing on campus or other law enforcement penalties and may need to compensate the publication for all funds lost as a result of the incident.

"The fact that the amendment got passed proves that the student body is willing to protect campus publications," Dean said.

The ruling comes primarily as a result of last year's incident involving the disappearance of a vast number of copies of *The Holcad*'s March 3, 2006 edition. It was believed that an individual, who did not want the story containing information about a "hit list" to be released, purposely stole a majority of the papers from stands shortly after delivery from the printer.

Dean said *The Holcad* was never compensated for the money it cost to reimburse advertisers and cover the other general costs of the edition.

"*The Holcad* lost around $1,500 as a result of the incident and the person who took them was never held accountable, at least to my knowledge," Dean said.

Holcad Advisor, Jim Raykie recalls another time several years ago when a large amount of *Holcads* was stolen.

"In my nearly 10 years as faculty advisor of *The Holcad*, I can only remember one other instance where I believe theft of *The Holcads* occurred on campus, and that was several years ago on a Friday before homecoming," Raykie said." I remember the edition having a controversial story of some kind, and copies of *The Holcad* were hard to find by Saturday morning."

Raykie also feels the decision is a positive one for the future of campus publications.

"The fact that the college has in place a policy outlining the penalties for such thefts is a step in the right direction toward deterring such actions when someone on campus decides they don't like a particular story and seeks to keep the campus community from reading by stealing a significant number of copies of *The Holcad*," Raykie said.

Dean explained that only official campus publications will be protected under the new clause in order to prevent any unwanted, outside publications from being continuously distributed on campus. Publications protected under the new amendment will be *The Holcad, Scrawl, Argo, Westminster Magazine*, admissions material, and department newsletters.

The new ruling will go in effect soon and will be officially added to the handbook once it is approved by the Board of Trustees at its October meeting. Dean is anxiously awaiting the amendment to be set in stone.

"I look forward the Board of Trustees approval and the addition of the clause to the handbook in order to prevent further incidences of publication theft from occurring," Dean said.

Text of the resolution:

Publication theft is prohibited at Westminster College. A person commits the offense of publication theft when he or she willfully or knowingly obtains or exerts unauthorized control over a more than reasonable number of copies of an edition of a publication distributed on campus, with the intent to prevent other individuals from reading that edition of the publication. Publications protected are *Argo, Scrawl, The Holcad, Westminster Magazine*, admissions materials, and department newsletters. In addition to the imposition of other campus or outside law enforcement disciplinary penalties, a person who violates this provision may be responsible for compensating the publication for all reasonable costs incurred.

SGA NOTES

SGA Minutes 10-5-06

- An electronic bulletin board for the Field House was donated by the class of 1956.
- Young Presbyterian Scholarship Program is bringing students in across the country, representing 21 states.
- Putting soap dispensers in bathrooms in dorms around campus is being looked into.
- SGA day will be Monday, September 9th which includes golf cart rides, donuts, pizza, t-shirts and many more exciting things.
- The pep rally will be Friday, October 20th at 6:00 in the McKelvey Center. The first 200 students to be at the SGA office will receive free t-shirts.
- The Students Satisfactory Survey has been completed and analyzed. The results of the survey can be obtained at the Student Affairs office. Feel free to contact Matt Kerns or Neal Edman with any questions or comments.
- Habitat for Humanity was chosen as the student organization of the month.
- BSU will be holding Pajama Jam Saturday night.

Students teach sexual education

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

Two Westminster students have taken responsibility to peer educate local students and community members concerning reproductive health, STD prevention, decision-making and many other sexual-health related issues.

Junior Becky Grieneisen and senior Ryan McKnight, known on campus as Hollywood, interviewed at Adagio Health for a position as a sexual education counselor. Adagio Health runs out of New Castle as an organization to educate and help community members make intelligent decisions concerning sexual matters.

After accepting the position, Grieneisen and McKnight have taken a six-week training program to prepare them to discuss sexual education concerns among peers and community members.

"The methods of disease and pregnancy prevention are topics that don't get much visibility due to the culture produced in this country," McKnight said. "The effects of negligence pertaining to human sexuality and curiosity could be potentially fatal if not life-long-lasting. Therefore, there is no reason not to put more emphasis on making right decisions in one life."

Grieneisen and McKnight discuss everything from pregnancy prevention to HIV and AIDS and give away free condoms, more information about Adagio Health, and more information on the issues that they discuss during the forum.

To date, Grieneisen and McKnight have held a discussion in Eichenauer, but also have plans to distribute free condoms and information in the tub and will lead the sexual education section during the Fresh Start orientation.

"We can discuss any topic for your organization, and we are available any time for an appointment," Grieneisen said. "There's a lot of misinformation out there which can seem confusing. But I feel confident that even the most competent and experienced of college students will be surprised and learn something new."

If any campus organization would like a free sexual education orientation, please contact Grieneisen at 814-591-1089.

Card

Titan card swipers possibly coming to town

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businesses may present even greater expenses for everyone.

"We are still concerned about the high cost," said Shelenberger, "looking at the initial numbers has not been positive. It just doesn't seem like there will be much of a return for either the college or the businesses involved."

Though students have showed great interest in the project, final decisions about the project will not be completed until a final contract has been approved, and final costs have been established that will be feasible for all parties involved.

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Campus News

New policy for entertainment on campus: students must prove themselves to gain admittance

Photo by Katie Chandley

Students must get their Titan cards swiped for weekend movie nights due to abuse of the event by locals.

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Though there are few "freebies" in life, students can still enjoy weekend movies shown in Mueller Theater, complete with free popcorn and soda from the club room. However, students now must be mindful to bring their Titan cards in order to gain admittance.

Titan cards are now "swiped" upon entering the theater so that student affairs not only has a count of the number of students in attendance, but more importantly it can keep those who should not be there out. Rumors are circulating that a group of rowdy high school students recently attended a movie in Mueller Theater. Later, the school was contacted by upset parents who accused the school of enabling their children to see a movie that was otherwise forbidden.

Many see this new policy as an inconvenience, but Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, reminds students that it actually works to their advantage.

"I don't want [unwanted teenagers] to take up space in an auditorium where Westminster College students should be there," she said.

In essence, the new policy ensures that no student will find themselves missing an event because an uninvited high school student is there instead. In addition, the new policy states that only one guest may accompany each student to on-campus events such as weekend movies.

Hawthorne also reminds students that they should technically have their Titan cards with them anyway.

According to the student handbook, "Students are required to carry their Titan Card with them at all times for personal identification when on campus."

Although the close relationship between the college and the community of New Wilmington is one of the many "perks" at the college, many can agree that it also has its disadvantages. There is little to do in New Wilmington, and local teenagers look to the college as a source of weekend entertainment. Westminster students must be prepared to show their Titan cards at any given time while on campus, so that those who do not belong may be asked to leave.

Funding for weekend movies on campus is part of the ambiguous "activity fee" that can be found on any tuition bill. According to Hawthorne, it costs $500 per film per weekend to show a movie. Student workers are also needed to start the movie, pop the pop corn and pour the drinks.

While some colleges, such as nearby Thiel, charge $5.50 to see an on-campus film, Westminster students can enjoy recent films before they are released to DVD. The movies are chosen by members of the Campus Planning Committee. This organization is composed of volunteer students who help plan and execute live entertainment like bands, comedians and acts such as Recycled Percussion.

Sierra Club ready to take to highway

By Nicky Piszczor
Campus writer

The Sierra Student Coalition was scheduled to clean up a stretch of I-80 on Saturday, Sept. 30, but could not because of the rainy weather.

The Sierra Club participated in the Adopt a Highway program for the first time last April for the state's beautification month. This year, the group decided to do a clean-up in the fall as well as in the spring. Although the date has yet to be determined, junior Hollyann Leach, president of Sierra Club, will be rescheduling the two-mile clean-up.

"The Adopt a Highway is a great opportunity to get involved in," Leach said. "It's not permanent, but it's a great way to give something back."

In order to be a part of the clean-up, each participant has to watch a safety video and sign a release form. Then, wearing gloves and armed with garbage bags, each person walks along the highway picking up trash. Afterward, PennDOT picks up all the trash that everyone collected.

Junior Sam Leipheimer, treasurer of Sierra Club, was surprised at the trash that the club found last year. She said that at the last clean-up the group found a mattress, a pair of boxers and a few construction signs.

"It kind of makes you think of what people throw out of the window as they drive," Leipheimer said. "There's a lot of trash we put on the highways that we don't see."

The club has received a good response for this year's clean-up. Ten members will participate in the Adopt a Highway program, which is more than last year's clean-up.

The Sierra Club has grown in size and in impact since its beginning; this is the group's fourth year on campus. Currently the club has 15 members and is led by Dr. Shahroukh Mistry. Leach feels that the club is off to a good start.

"[Sierra Club] is still a fairly new club, but the prospects for this year are good in terms of new ideas and improvement," she said.

The Sierra Club's overall goal is to educate the campus about the environment. Members want everyone to realize how important it is to recycle.

"We're trying to advocate environmental awareness on campus," sophomore Melinda Marconi said.

Club members have set up bins in the buildings around campus for newspaper and can recycling. The Physical Plant helped the club get a shredder for newspaper recycling. In addition, the group is also working on recycling ink cartridges and cell phones.

"It's really cool to be doing something that will help the environment," Marconi said.

Fraternity helps remodel store and church

By Elizabeth C. Suders
Campus writer

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon helped spread goodwill in Canfield for ABC's Extreme Home Makeover.

Thirty-six brothers gave their time to help build a Goodwill store alongside television cameras and celebrities on Sept. 23. The brothers started at 10 a.m. and worked on miscellaneous projects throughout the day. The producers of the show took on a different type of project than usual. Instead of working on improving a home, they remodeled a Goodwill store and a neighboring church.

"I felt like we had really accomplished something substantial in helping the community of Canfield, and at the same time, I had a great shared experience with my brothers," junior Tom Campana said.

The brothers participated on the last day of the weeklong project and completed such duties as cleaning the store and moving the products back into the store. They also helped setup for the dedication ceremony which took place that night. The episode will be part of the season finale that will air sometime in May.

"It was rewarding to be able to help out the community in such a large way and to be able to have such a great time with brothers while volunteering was an added bonus," senior Nick Sheehan said.

A parent who works at the Home Depot informed his son, a brother, about the volunteer opportunity and encouraged him to have him and his brothers get involved.

"We felt that any community service was worthwhile even if it wasn't that of our own philanthropy," said senior Jared Polish, VP of social programming.

The brothers are not strangers to community service and hard work. Their national philanthropy is YouthAIDS, an organization which promotes education and prevention of spreading the epidemic of AIDS. Their spring charity event, a golf tournament for their alumni, raised more than $2,000 for YouthAIDS.

Day to celebrate students' families

By Marianne Selby
Campus writer

Parents and family members can enjoy more than just a football game this Saturday, October 7.

Family Day falls on the Saturday of a home football game in early October every year. Parents and family members can gather and participate in a number of on campus activities.

Cindy Dafler, the Coordinator of Advancement Events, has been in charge of Family Day since 2001. She organizes most of the events with the help of staff members, but parents are also given the chance to participate and help if they so desire.

"It's a special day every fall where parents can come to campus, see their children, and participate in campus activities," she said. "It's always been very successful."

Parent to Parent, a newsletter sent out to parents over the summer, contained information about this fall's Family Day, as well as an interest card that parents could send in with volunteering opportunities for the event and other events on campus. In past years, Family Day has entertained an average of 400 families each year. This year, however, less than 200 have signed up. Dafler predicted several more will sign up before Saturday, and walk-ins are accommodated. She feels that the numbers may be low because this year's freshman class is small, and the majority of families that sign up are from the freshman class.

This year's festivities start off with coffee and a meeting with President Williamson in the Berlin Student Lounge from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It is followed by a family barbecue at the Anderson Amphitheatre from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.; meal tickets for adults are $6.50 and $4.50 for children under eight. The final event of the day is the football game against the Thomas More Saints at 1:30 p.m.

Dawn Miller, a sophomore sociology major, attended Family Day last year with her parents, her brother, and her aunt and uncle.

"Freshman year was such a big year, and it was really nice to spend that time with the family," Miller said. "They got the chance to tour my campus, and we really had fun at the football game."

Rachel Strohm, a sophomore elementary education major, also enjoyed last year's experience. She feels that it is particularly a great idea for those students who are quite far from their homes.

"My family got to visit from Philadelphia, so it's not like I was able to see them often," Strohm said. "It was great that there was a day put aside specifically for them."

Family Day is the second of three scheduled family events on campus this year, preceded by the New Student Orientation last August, and ending with Christmas Family Dinner and Vespers in December.

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Campus News

Titan Traverse to climb, hike, white-water raft during break

Photo by Amanda Miller

Members of Titan Traverse pause for a moment to show their smiling faces. The group will be travelling to West Virginia during fall break for a trip.

By Jenna Retort
Campus writer

Midterms are drawing near, but some students are preparing to get wet and wild during this year's Titan Traverse fall break trip.

After classes end on October 13, a number of students will be traveling to West Virginia for a four day trip that will include climbing, hiking, and a much anticipated white water rafting excursion. In addition, those in attendance will also be camping at a campground where they can relax and enjoy a volleyball court, horseshoe pit, fire ring, and other amenities.

"We took this same trip two years ago and it went well, the students enjoyed it," director Laura Nystrom said.

White water rafting trips can sometimes be costly because of equipment rental and other expenses, but this four day trip will only cost $70 per person. The average price of rafting alone is $100 or more through many rafting agencies. Moreover, Titan Traverse will be providing all of the necessary gear for camping and climbing ,which will also lighten the financial burden for the students.

"A trip like that could be a good opportunity to meet people on campus, and it doesn't hurt that the price is easy on the pocket," junior Crystal Arbore said.

Until recently, this trip was only for those in Titan Traverse because this outing also serves as a training trip for students in the organization.

After hearing about the trip two years ago, several students expressed interest in the outing to Titan Traverse members, who in turn shared this knowledge with director Laura Nystrom. After much debate, it was decided to make the trip available to everyone on campus, not just Titan Traverse members.

Preparations for the trip have been made, but now it is up to the students to come forward. As fall break approaches, time is running out and so are the positions available. Only fifteen seats remain, but Titan Traverse is offering more programs this year.

An upcoming event to look for is the wilderness first aid course in November. The program will demonstrate first aid techniques with wilderness applications. This type of training is a good resource for summer camp counselors and outdoorsmen, but is geared towards any enthusiast. The cost will be $85 dollars for students and $150 for anyone else that is interested.

"A program like that could be quite beneficial, especially since we live in a rural area with many outdoor venues," freshman Lorraine Zinz said.

For more information about the fall break trip or other programs visit the Titan Traverse office in room 252 in the McKelvey Campus Center or contact director Laura Nystrom by email at nystrold@westminster.edu.

SGA

SGA Day coming soon

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of students is exactly what the day is devoted to.

This year, Martin has an exciting day planned for students. The day will start off with free donuts at 7 a.m., then free pizza at lunchtime. The afternoon will only get better, as there will be cookies and hot pretzels given out, in addition to free golf cart rides all day long.

Titan Radio will be back as usual to do a live remote from the event, and students will be given a chance to voice their opinions to the members of SGA through the "suggestion box."

"I really like how SGA cares about the students and wants to take care of them with the free food and taking each student to class," senior Tony Cunningham said.

Junior Stephanie Boyle agreed with Cunnigham.

"I think it's a nice thing that SGA does for the students," she said. "I think the golf carts are a great idea, and it's always exciting to see what they're going to give out each year."

SGA is responsible for other activities on campus. The organization also sponsors events such as "Pajama Jam," and it brought The Clarks to the campus last year for a concert at the amphitheater. The group's other main event is the popular Volleyrock, which takes place every spring. The event includes Quaker Steak and Lube chicken wings and a day full of playing volleyball.

This semester's excitement will take place Monday, Oct. 11. Martin felt that since it is Columbus Day, it would be a great way to start off the week, which contributed to this year's theme: "Spend Columbus Day with SGA!"

New campus chef highly qualified, looks forward to serving students

By Debra Sanchez
Campus writer

Chef Clinton Kifolo, a Certified Executive Chef, has served black-eyed peas, and he has served the Black Eyed Peas, as well as Tony Bennett, George Carlin and others.

Kifolo is a CEC, as accepted by the American Culinary Federation. There are only about 5,000 people in America who hold that title.

In order obtain this honor, a chef has to provide documentation of education, be versed in nutritional standards, have thorough knowledge of food safety systems, understand the culinary business, manage no less than 10 employees, complete a practical demonstration exam in front of peers and take a written exam.

Before coming here, Kifolo spent four years in campus dining, and before that, he worked for an offshore exploration company, living and working in Belfast, Ireland, and Belem, Brazil. He also helped out with Hurricane Katrina clean-up by cooking for rescue workers.

"We are extremely excited to be able to have someone with Clint's culinary knowledge and experience on campus," said Jeff Creveling, director of dining services. "We only see good things down the road."

Born in Amarillo, Texas, and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Kifolo has traveled to many parts of the world and tried a wide variety of food. Along the way, he has met many well-known people, such as Sammy Hagar, Richard Gere, Adam from the Beastie Boys and the Dalai Lama.

Kifolo lived for one month in Darhamsala, India, where he learned to prepare traditional Tibetan food as well as Indian cuisine.

Some of the less conventional foods Kifolo has experienced and enjoyed include fresh cut fruit drizzled with lime juice and chili oil on a street in Mexico, duck confit in France, Klonikilty blood pudding and penguin cookies in Ireland and Tibetan MoMos.

One very unusual food that he has eaten is "Bird Nest Soup," which he describes as having a very slimy texture, almost like watery tapioca.

Kifolo said that once was enough.

A special event called "Connections" was held in the McGinness Dining Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

At this event, students had the opportunity to meet Kifolo and taste some of the new recipes that he has to offer the campus. Kifolo said that, for the most part, campus food comes from a corporate menu, which can be customized at the local level to some degree.

"If we have enough students requesting a food we can get that on the menu, as long as it is feasible," Kifolo said. "Students can e-mail me, call me or fill out the suggestion cards."

Students have noticed some of the changes in the menu. There has also been a wider selection of healthy options available in the cafeteria, with more emphasis on foods that have been baked instead of fried.

"I had an eggplant sandwich," senior Jennifer Baier said. "It was surprisingly good."

In order to maintain healthy choices, and in response to recent news, Kifolo said that all fresh spinach products have been removed, and that if spinach is used in recipes, it is frozen.

"Freezing spinach is acceptable because it was bought months before the spinach scare," he said.

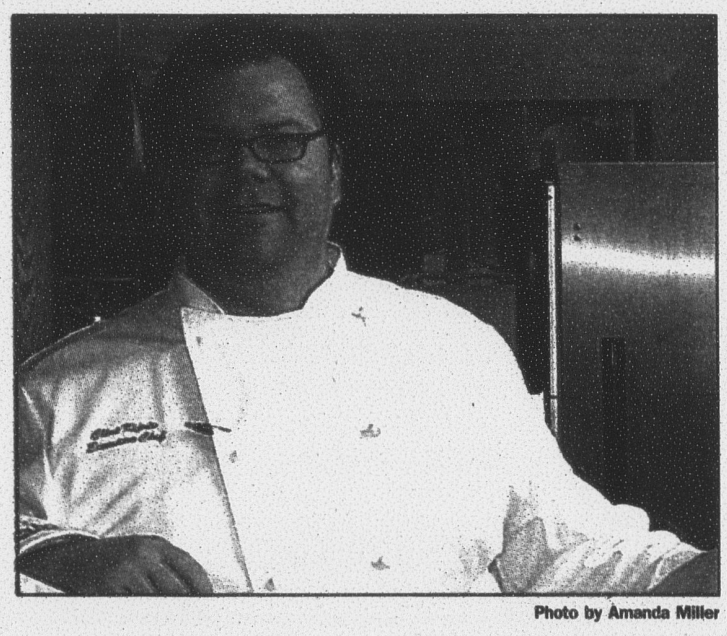

Photo by Amanda Miller

While still getting used to the campus, Kifolo has found the campus community to be helpful and outgoing, especially the kitchen staff in both dining facilities.

"They are phenomenal and deserve a lot of recognition for what they accomplish here," Kifolo said.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 59	High 62	High 71	High 67	High 64	High 60	High 59
Low 38	Low 45	Low 50	Low 46	Low 38	Low 38	Low 37
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and beautiful	Pleasant with sunshine	Partly sunny	Plenty of sunshine	Clouds and sun

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:23 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Saturday	7:24 a.m.	6:54 p.m.
Sunday	7:25 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
Monday	7:26 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
Tuesday	7:27 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Friday	6:38 p.m.	6:36 a.m.
Saturday	7:04 p.m.	7:56 a.m.
Sunday	7:33 p.m.	9:17 a.m.
Monday	8:09 p.m.	10:38 a.m.
Tuesday	8:52 p.m.	11:56 a.m.

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Full	Last	New	First
Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 22	Oct 29

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The highest daily total rainfall ever for Canada occurred on Oct. 6, 1967, at Ucluelet Brynnor Mines, measuring 19.61 inches.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	60	40	s	64	48	s	70	53	s	66	47	s	62	41	pc
Butler, PA	58	37	pc	61	47	s	71	49	s	69	47	s	65	39	pc
Cambridge, OH	61	39	pc	65	45	s	71	48	s	71	48	s	64	41	pc
Canton, OH	61	40	s	64	47	s	71	52	s	66	47	s	62	41	pc
Cincinnati, OH	63	42	s	66	46	s	76	54	s	72	52	pc	68	44	pc
Clarion, PA	56	37	pc	60	47	s	69	49	s	65	45	s	60	38	pc
Clarksburg, WV	57	40	pc	57	47	s	70	50	s	71	49	s	67	39	pc
Cleveland, OH	58	43	s	64	50	s	70	54	s	66	49	s	63	43	pc
Columbus, OH	62	42	s	68	49	s	76	50	s	70	51	s	65	43	pc
Cumberland, MD	55	44	pc	56	48	pc	67	52	pc	72	50	s	65	41	pc
Erie, PA	57	45	s	62	52	s	69	54	s	67	48	s	59	47	pc
Franklin, PA	56	38	s	60	46	s	68	48	s	64	45	s	59	38	pc
Greensburg, PA	59	41	pc	62	46	s	70	52	s	70	51	s	65	42	pc
Greenville, PA	58	40	s	63	47	s	70	49	s	65	47	s	60	39	pc
Grove City, PA	56	37	pc	60	48	s	70	48	s	65	46	s	63	39	pc
Hagerstown, MD	58	44	r	60	49	r	71	53	pc	73	51	s	64	43	pc
Indiana, PA	59	41	pc	60	46	s	71	52	s	72	51	s	64	42	pc
Jamestown, NY	53	39	s	60	50	s	65	49	s	61	45	s	57	38	pc
Kittanning, PA	58	40	pc	61	45	s	72	51	s	70	50	s	65	42	pc
Lisbon, OH	59	41	pc	65	49	s	71	52	s	67	47	s	63	40	pc
Mansfield, OH	62	39	s	65	48	s	73	51	s	66	47	s	62	41	pc
Marietta, OH	60	40	pc	65	47	s	71	50	s	72	50	s	68	42	pc
McKeesport, PA	58	41	pc	62	46	s	71	52	s	73	51	s	65	42	pc
Meadville, PA	57	41	s	62	49	s	68	50	s	64	48	s	57	40	pc
Morgantown, WV	55	40	pc	58	49	s	70	54	s	75	53	s	68	43	pc
New Castle, PA	59	39	pc	62	47	s	71	50	s	67	47	s	65	40	pc
Oil City, PA	57	39	s	61	48	s	69	49	s	65	46	s	60	38	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	57	41	pc	64	45	s	72	51	s	74	49	s	66	42	pc
Sharon, PA	59	39	pc	63	46	s	71	49	s	66	46	s	62	39	pc
Somerset, PA	51	39	pc	54	44	s	64	52	pc	66	48	s	60	39	pc
Steubenville, OH	58	40	pc	62	45	s	72	51	s	70	49	s	65	41	pc
Uniontown, PA	57	38	pc	58	46	s	70	51	s	73	51	s	67	40	pc
Warren, OH	59	39	s	64	47	s	71	49	s	67	47	s	64	40	pc
Washington, PA	57	36	pc	60	42	s	70	48	s	72	48	s	65	39	pc
Waynesburg, PA	57	38	pc	59	45	s	70	49	s	72	50	s	66	42	pc
Wheeling, WV	58	40	pc	62	47	s	71	51	s	69	49	s	65	41	pc
Youngstown, OH	58	39	pc	63	46	s	71	50	s	66	46	s	63	40	pc
Wooster, OH	60	37	s	65	43	s	70	48	s	67	46	s	62	40	pc
Zanesville, OH	62	39	pc	65	45	s	72	48	s	70	49	s	65	41	pc

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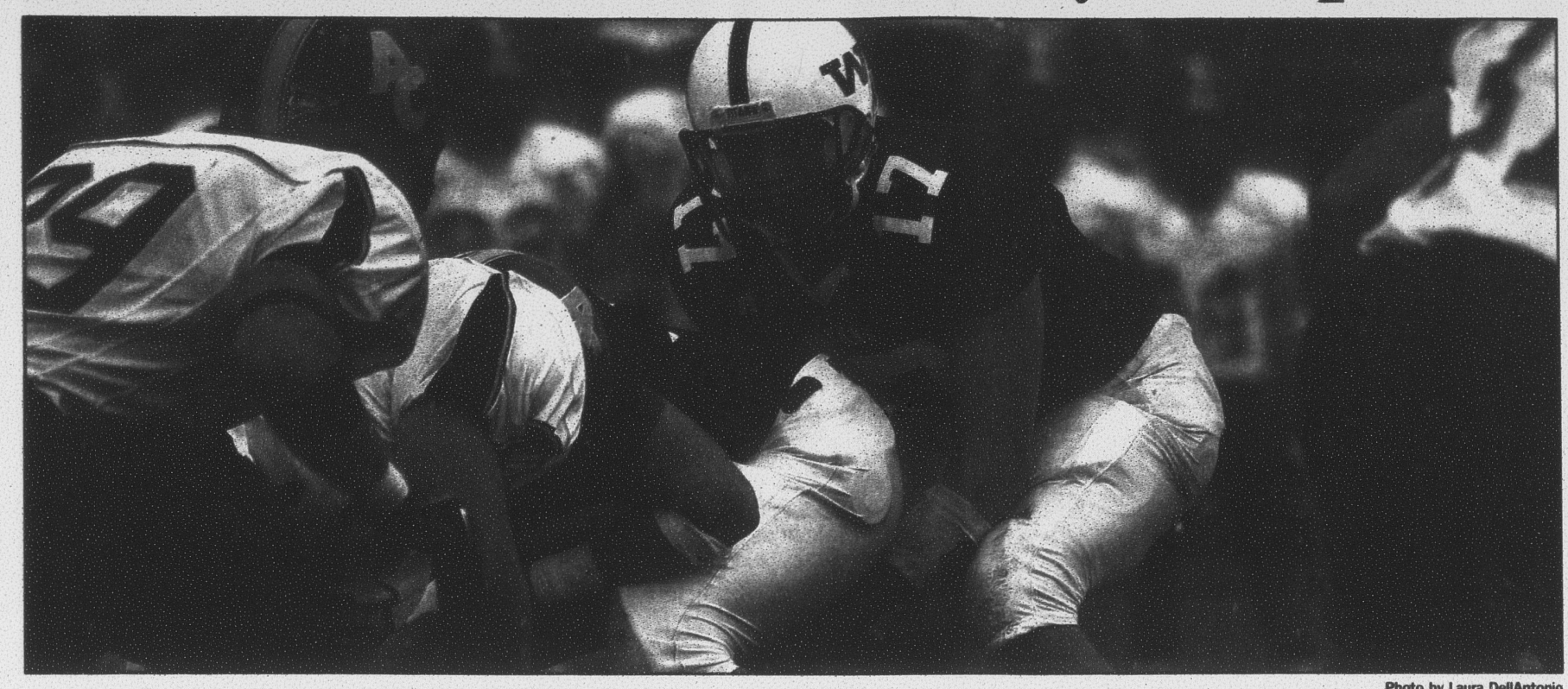

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Above: The Titans (0-1), led by freshman quarterback Kevin Franz, continue PAC play this Saturday, Oct. 7 with a home game against Thomas More (1-2). Right: Freshman running back Nick McKolosky scored the tying touchdown against Adrian in the 27-24 thriller on Sept. 23. Bottom right: Junior Mike Cacchione raised his helmet in victory over Adrian on Sept. 23.

Wolverines defeat PAC rivals for first time in 27 years; second time in 45 years

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

Westminster played a very exciting game against the Grove City Wolverines but they lost 21-20. The Titans played with a lot of heart, trying to come back with seconds left in the fourth quarter. Westminster did all they could, but that was not enough to pull off the victory this week.

The Titans were forced to attempt a comeback victory after the Grove City offense controlled the ball for much of the game.

After Westminster scored on its first drive of the game with a 26-yard pass reception by junior Brett from Franz in the first quarter, the Titans could not stop Grove City's rushing game and fell victim to poor field position on offense.

With the poor field positioning, the young Titan offense was in for a hard fought game.

Grove City held the ball for 11:34 of the 15 second-quarter minutes due in large part by a running game that amassed 84 rushing yards on 22 attempts in the second quarter and 174 yards on 44 attempts for the game. Grove City running back Matt Weil led all rushers for the game with 19 totes for 70 yards.

If the Titans are to turn this season around they are going to need to stop this kind of running game more efficiently.

Oddly enough, Grove City's only 2 passing yards in the second quarter came on as a touchdown pass. This tied the game at 7-7 with 50 seconds remaining in the first half. Westminster's average starting field position was the 13 yard line. However the Wolverine's started on the 50 for the whole first half making their offenses job a lot easier. Westminster out-gained Grove City in total yardage with 369 yards to the Wolverines' 274 and yet still could not pull off the win. The game ended 21-20 Grove City after a wonderful showing by leading receiver Brett Ziegler who had 93 yards and two touchdowns on seven receptions.

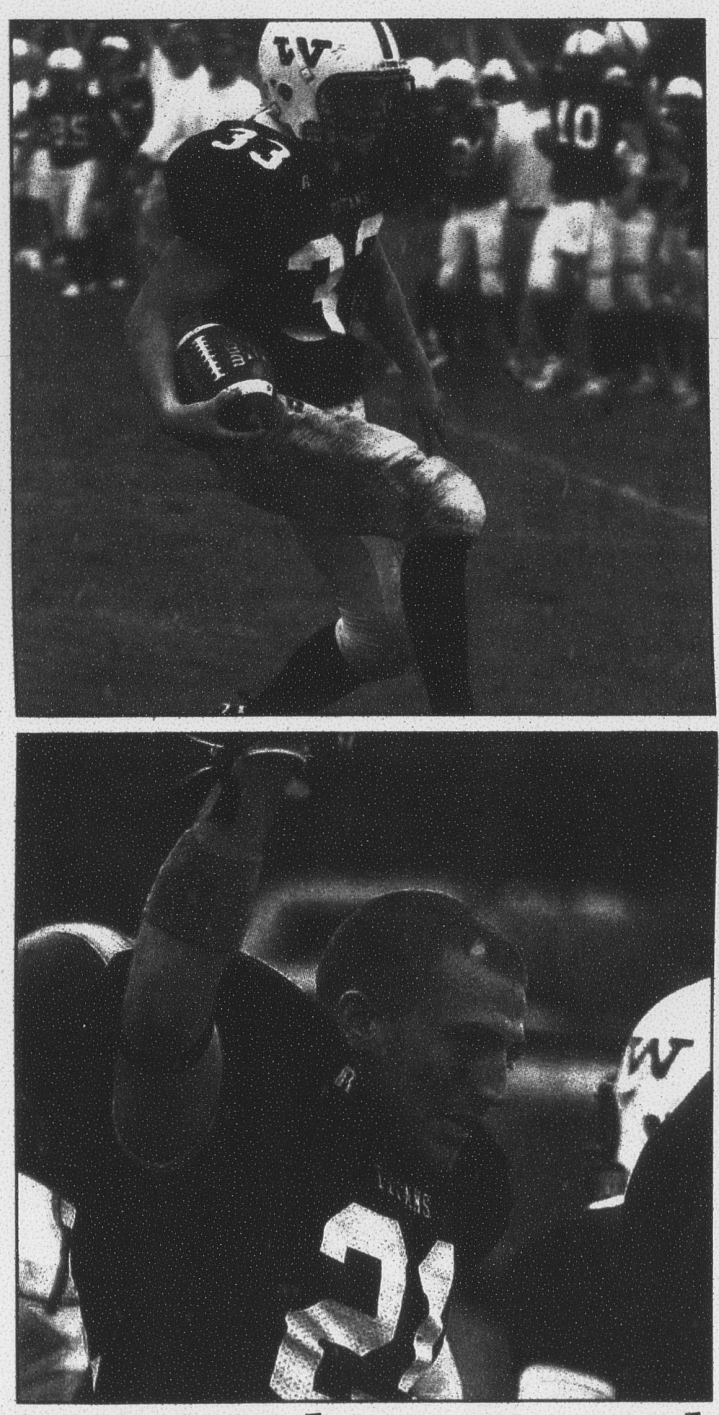
The Titan defense was lead by Jordan Blinn and Josh Weese with 10 tackles each but it proved not enough to salvage the game.

Also sophomore defensive back Jake Wilczynski had 2 interceptions in the game as the Titans attempted to rally. The game came down to an extra point to tie the game and last weeks PAC special teams player of the week Fred Romeo missed the kick to finish off a sad day in Titan football. When asked what this does to the teams morale junior offensive tackle Shane Parker replied "Well, it did drop the team morale a bit but we have a 24 hour rule which means win or lose we move on to the next opponent 24 hours after the game, after practice today the team morale seems to be as high as it has ever been and we are looking forward to the game against Thomas More."

After last week's debacle, the Titans return home to face yet another conference opponent.

This week Westminster 1-3 and 0-1 in the PAC are playing against Thomas More with a record of 2-2 and 1-2 in the PAC. The keys to this game will be Brett Ziegler and Kevin Franz, who have hooked up for half of the Titans 8 touchdowns this season. Shane Parker said that if the Titans are to win this game "We need to come out of the gate fired up and get on them early and keep the pressure on them the entire game, it is going to take an entire team effort, if everyone does their part consistently then the Titans will come home with a win on Saturday."

This game features the top 3 leading tacklers in the PAC one of which being the Titans very own Jordan Blinn. Also the leading tackler in the PAC Thomas More's senior linebacker Mark Carlisle with 11.2 tackles per game will be roaming midfield. The Titans come into this game looking to get their first PAC win of the season the game takes place Oct. 7 at 1:30 at Burry Stadium.



Men's, women's cross country teams place second

Freshman named PAC runner of the week after Saturday's tournament

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams both placed second in each of their races as they hosted their Westminster Invitational, on Saturday September 30, 2006.

The Lady Titans just fell shy of first place losing to Allegheny by seven points, but were victorious over Pitt-Greensburg. Freshman Elizabeth Beardsley broke the tape at 20:27.6, making this her best race of the season. The PAC is recognizing Beardsley as the PAC runner of the week, for the second week this season. "I was definitely surprised, but honored to be named runner of the week. This has definitely given me the confidence and motivation to keep working hard." Beardsley noted. "All the girls dropped their time since the last meet, which is exactly what we wanted." Finishing three spots behind Beardsley was freshman Amanda Everett, who clocked in at 21:41. "I am really happy with the results of Saturdays meet; we have really been working hard." Everett stated.

Michellle Bistrica came in 9th place with a time of 22:21; Amy Carroll came in 12th with a time of 22:53; Shalyn Eakin followed at 23:12 and Jordan Early finished at 35:18.

The men's cross country team ran a dual race with Pitt-Greensburg, losing to the Bobcats 26-33. Junior Cory Criss placed fourth with a finishing time of 29:35 and not far behind was senior Scott Seserko, who clocked in at 29:44. "Every guy on the team lowered their times significantly from the first meet." Seserko said. "Although the course was muddy on Saturday, it is nice to see that all of our miles of training are finally paying off."

The men's and women's cross country teams will next visit Penn-Greensburg on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

Women's tennis rolls along; defeats Bethany

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

The Lady Titans reeled of their third straight win in conference play Oct. 1 against a 0-9 Bethany team.

The girls have been playing very well lately especially in conference games. The team is now 3-0 against the PAC.

With this victory, the team is edging closer and closer to hoisting the PAC title and really making a name for themselves. The match against conference rival Bethany was the Titans first shut out of the season. Juniors Dana Larson and Christina Commisso collected two wins. Larson won her first match of the season as the team's No. 1 singles player with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over the Bison's Ashley Current, while Commisso won at No. 2 over Kathleen Thompson, 6-0, 6-2. Larson and Commisso paired at No. 1 doubles for a win over Thompson and Current, 8-1.

This was a very powerful showing by the Titans. Sarah Belsito said, "I think this team has improved so much since the beginning of the year. We are able to accept new members and everyone seems to fit in their position and with one another in a personal level. Team work is the most important with any sport even tennis when it looks as if your all on your own on the court, you have to have support from you teammates to accomplish anything."

On Tuesday the Titans met with non-conference Chatham and won the match in blow out fashion 9-0.

Other winners for the Titans against Bethany were freshman April Scudere at No. 3 singles, senior Andrea Pastorius at No. 4, sophomore Alyson Lingle at No. 5, and junior Trista Houck at No. 6. Pastorius and Scudere won at No. 2 doubles 8-1 and Houck and junior Anna Will won at No. 3 doubles 8-2. Lingle is now a team-best 8-1 this season in singles match. Larson is 5-0 in singles play in matches the Titans have won this season and 0-4 in Westminster losses.

The Titans reserves also got to see some action in the match against Chatham who only had 4 players. The Titans 6-4 used reserve players in Nos. 1 and 2 doubles as sophomores Beth Erwin and Gwen Gorski won at No. 1 8-3 while freshman Sarah Tiffany and Linda Farnham won at No. 2 8-0. All four players involved with doubles play for the Titans were seeing their first competition of the season.

Singles play included freshman April Scudere beating Julie Cacurak 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, sophomore Alyson Lingle over Rebecca Mohan 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2, junior Trista Houck defeating Melanie Ceraso 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3, and junior Anna Will beating Kaylee Johns 6-0, 6-1at No. 4.

Will's singles win is her first of the season as she is a regular in the Titans' doubles lineup. The other singles players were moved up higher in the lineup while the Titans' Nos. 1, 2 and 3 singles players rested.

The Lady Titans will be back in action Friday October 6 in Mount Union at 3:00. Mount Union is a non-conference game but a very talented team returning six letter winners the Raiders are part of the OAC.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

When anger goes too far

Suppose one individual becomes upset and angry with another individual. Then, suppose out of frustration, the angered individual steps on the other individual's head while he is lying on the ground. Not only does he step on the head, but he does so with a pair of shoes that are cleeted on the bottom. An event such as this would be presumed to carry consequences and certainly violate the law.

The event I have so briefly described is not a theoretical situation or a figment of my imagination. Rather, it describes an event that took place in the NFL this past weekend.

Albert Haynesworth, a defensive tackle for the Tennessee Titans, brutally stomped on and kicked the uncovered head of Dallas Cowboys' center Andre Gurode not once, but twice. During a play in the Cowboys' shellacking of the Titans, Gurode lost his helmet, and Haynesworth struck. Taking full advantage of Gurode's head being unprotected, Haynesworth stomped and kicked the bare head of Gurode with a pair of football cleats.

Today's society, as crooked and corrupted as it may be deemed, embodies and enforces a criminal justice system. Within this criminal justice system, the act of stepping on an individual's head with a cleated pair of shoes breaks the law. This attempt could be construed as anything from simple assault to attempted murder.

Imagine, what could have happened if Haynesworth's 320 pound mass of humanity structure struck the head of Gurode in the temple. It's very plausible that I would instead be writing my column on the death of Andre Gurode and Albert Haynesworth's sentence for murder.

Fortunately Gurode did not suffer any life threatening injuries, although it did take 30 stitches to close the gaping gash on his skull. Imagine if Gurode did suffer life threatening injuries or even death. I guarantee Hayneswoth would surely receive more punishment than a mere suspension from the NFL. Imagine if the average citizen stomped on somebody's head with a pair of spiked shoes. Undoubtedly, that person would be the recipient of some type of criminal charges.

Because of his actions, Haynesworth should be punished on a criminal basis. If the NFL and the world of sports allows this to go criminally unpunished, then the bar is set. More incidents such as this will keep coming up. Collegiate athletics and high school athletics ultimately follow trends set by professional sports. Professional sports need to take a stand and try cases such as this in a criminal manner.

Look at the incidents involving Todd Bertuzzi and Marcus Vick. Both of these players assaulted opposing players. The trend is continuing, and the NFL and Andre Gurode should try Albert Haynesworth for assault before incidents such as these become routine.

No doubt Albert Haynesworth is guilty, but the question becomes to what degree he is guilty. To some he may merely be guilty of getting caught up in the emotional game of football. To others he may be guilty of attempted murder, and if I were Albert Haynesworth, I'd thank my lucky stars I didn't hit Gurode square in the temple because then there would be no question; I would be guilty of murder.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column, but first you have to make the cut.

Sports

Lady Titans kill Grove City, improve PAC record

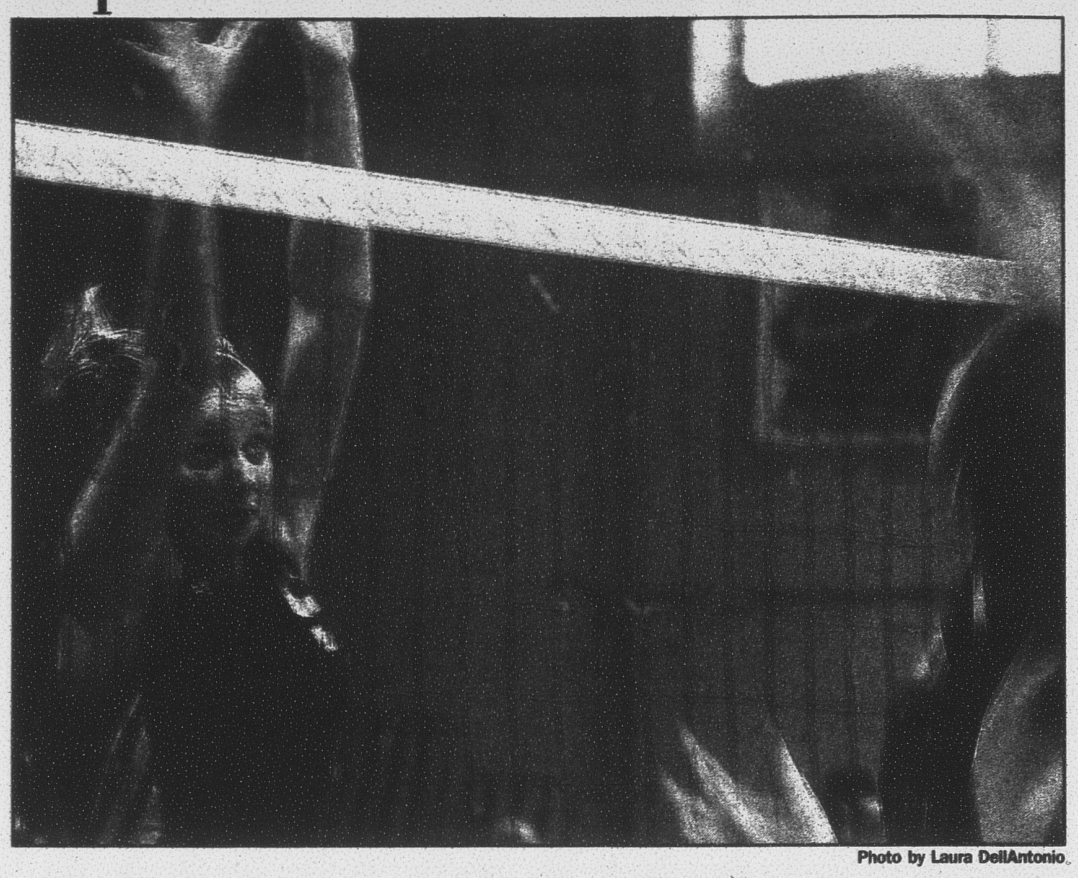


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior Danielle Hogue led the Lady Titans with 10 kills in the 3-0 win over Thiel College on Oct. 3.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's volleyball team presented Grove City with their first PAC loss last Thursday. They traveled to Saint Vincent College on Saturday, where they lost to the host, but won against Pitt-Johnstown. The Titans once again improved their PAC record defeating Thiel on Tuesday.

The Titans conquered the PAC first-place Grove City Wolverines in four games (30-22, 28-30, 30-28, 30-17). Senior Katie McDermott contributed a match-high 16 kills for the Titans, followed by fellow senior Rachael Cooper with 13 kills. Sophomore Rachel Terzak and junior Diana Conzett recorded 12 kills each.

"We really wanted to win that game and I think it really showed in our play," Cooper said concerning the match against the Wolverines.

The Lady Titans returned home from Saint Vincent after splitting two matches. They dropped the first match against the host Bearcats in three games (23-30, 23-30, 23-30). The Titans then bounced back and defeated Pitt-Johnstown in three games (30-25, 30-21, 30-20).

McDermott led the Titans during the Saint Vincent match with nine kills and junior Danielle Hogue added eight kills. Sophomore setter Traci Hassell put up 37 assists while sophomore defensive specialist Kylene Hoch had 21 digs.

Putting up significant numbers against Pitt-Johnstown was McDermott with 11 kills and two solo blocks, Terzak with ten kills and four service aces, along with Hassell, who dished out 39 assists and a team-high four solo-blocks.

Cooper walked away from the Saturday matches as a new record holder for career service aces. The previous record of 215 career service aces was held by Jessica Faflik (1995-1998). Cooper added four aces over the weekend which now puts her at a career total of 218.

"I actually didn't know that I broke the record until the matches were over for the day when coach pulled the team together to tell us," stated Cooper. "I guess my dad had been keeping track all season because he knew I was close, but I didn't think that I was that close halfway through the season. I like serving. It's the one time you can't blame anyone but yourself if you miss."

The Lady Titans hosted Thiel on Tuesday and attained their third PAC win. Middle hitters Hogue and McDermott contributed ten kills each. Titan defense was led by Hoch with 12 digs and McDermott with nine. Hassell had 32 assists and Cooper added five service aces as well as eight kills.

The Titans are optimistically approaching the halfway point of their season with a goal of becoming the PAC champions.

"I think we can win the PAC, but we'll have to stay focused and play the caliber of volleyball that we know how to play," said Hoch in regards to the remainder of the season.

"So far the season has gone pretty well with its share of ups and downs," stated Hogue concerning the season thus far. "We've had some adjustments to make and recently we've been playing well. Our ultimate goal for the season is to be PAC champs and go as far as we possibly can.

The Lady Titans (14-5, 3-1 PAC) travel to Waynesburg Saturday, October 7, where they will compete against their host as well as Chatham.

Lady Titan kickers shut out Waynesburg, improve record

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Lady Titans scored 12 goals in the last two games.

"We didn't start the fire. It was always burning since the world's been turning," or at least since the Lady Titans stepped on the field this past weekend. With twelve goals in two games,...the Lady Titans are on fire.

On Saturday the Lady Titans defeated Waynesburg in a complete shutout, posting a total of eight goals. Only two of those goals were in the first half. Eleven minutes into the game, Christa Andamasarsis hit a left-footed volley from inside the box to put the first goal up on the scoreboard. Sarah Calderone scored the second goal, beating a defender with a sharp turn and a shot to the opposite side of the net.

To an average fan observing from the side line, it may not have seemed that the Lady Titans were playing a very good game with only two goals against Waynesburg.

"We only scored two goals in the first half, but that's exactly what should have happened. We controlled the entire first half and did everything right to play our game. When we apply what we learn to how we play it always pays off in the second half," Coach Girish Thakar said.

How they played in the first half certainly paid off in the second. Starting in the 58th minute of the game, Christina Adams went on a scoring frenzy. She scored three astonishing left footed goals within two minutes.

"She was playing so well that we had to pull her out," says head coach Girish Thakar. Following the hat trick came two more goals scored by Sarah Park and Lauren Graeser.

But destroying Waynesburg wasn't good enough for the Lady Titans. They played with determination on Wednesday's game against Pitt-Bradford to claim another shutout. The Lady Titans ripped 32 shots, resulting in four goals scored by four different members of the team. With all these goals, the offense seems to be the star of the show, but don't forget about the defense. Freshman goal keepers Lindsey Mellott and Christine Clawges combined their talents to post the shutout, while defenders Brittany McKee, Jessi Losteter, Anna Sparacino, and Mandy Bearrow held strong in the back to keep many shots from being taken.

As this week comes to an end, the Lady Titans were able to improve their overall record to 6-3-1 by defeating both Waynesburg and Pitt-Bradford. Although their PAC record still remains 0-0, they plan to change that to 1-0 as they play W&J.

"Waynesburg and Pitt-Bradford have been good preparatory games for Saturday against our rivals W&J," says Junior Captain Brittany McKee.

The Lady Titans know that as they take on Washington and Jefferson this Saturday they will have to play hard and apply everything they have learned so far to win.

"W&J beat us once on our field, and we're not going to let it happen again," senior captain Sarah Calderone said.

So come down and support the Lady Titans this Saturday at 3:00. Help them to light that fire as the take their positions out on the field. The entire team, including the coaches, agree that having fans always helps to give an extra push to victory.

TITAN TALK

Titan Talk features *The Holcad*'s sports gurus and lets them weigh in on hot sports topics. Each week, our experts will will hold a debate, and their comments will be turned into the dictation that is Titan Talk. E-mail *The Holcad* at holcad@westminster.edu and let us know who you think won or lost the argument.

Check out next week's edition for the results.

With October baseball in full swing, who will win the World Series?

Brandon Phillian (BP): This year I'm taking Jim Leyland and the Detroit Tigers, who have been playing solid ball all year long. Even though they didn't win the division, they've got a great and experienced manager in Jim Leyland, solid pitching - which wins in the playoffs - and a solid lineup. I like the Tigers to win it all. Coming out of the NL, I'm taking the St. Louis Cardinals. I know they got in the playoffs through the backdoor, but they still have a guy named Albert Pujols. If the pitching can hold up, Scott Rolen, Jim Edmonds, and the Cardinals lineup can take them to the Series.

Tyler Stiffey (TS): Out of the AL I'm going to stick with the Minnesota Twins. They came on real strong the second half of the year. With Santana, who has won his last 23 starts at home, pitching. And out of the NL, I'm going to go with the San Diego Padres who have a solid lineup with Brian Giles hitting the ball pretty good in the second half. And if they have a lead late in the game, they have MLB's all time leading closer with Trevor Hoffman coming in to close the game.

Josh Kutzner (JK): Out of the American League, as much as I hate to say it, I have to go with the New York Yankees. I'm not a Yankees guy, but if you look at that lineup with Abreu, Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, and Derek Jeter. That's just an unbelievable lineup. They've got some veteran pitchers in Mike Mussina and Randy Johnson. Out of the NL I've got to go with the Mets, they've got a little pop in their lineup with Carlos Beltran, Carlos Delgado, David Wright, and Jose Reyes. Their pitching, even with Pedro out, they've got enough to get them through and I think that offense will carry them.

BP: Here's why I've got to disagree on both picks, Kutz. It's like in football, defense wins championships, and it's the same way in baseball. What is defense? Defense is good, solid pitching. Right now the Yankees are going to be struggling with Johnson's back injury and may not be available for much of the playoffs. I agree the lineup is potent, but pitching is what wins in the playoffs. The Mets are the same way. Their big gun Pedro Martinez went down and likely won't pitch at all in the playoffs. They have an inexperienced staff, although they had the best record in baseball. In a seven game series, it all boils down to pitching. And that's why neither one of these teams are going to make the series.

JK: If we want to look at inexperienced staffs, we've got to talk about the Tigers. This is the first they've made the playoffs in a long time. You look at their top two pitchers, Jeremy Bonderman and Justin Verlander. This will be their first appearances in the playoffs.

BP: OK, I'll give you that - the Tigers do have a young pitching staff. However, they have a very solid pitching staff. Those guys have been consistent all season long. And really I wouldn't be surprised if they pitched Kenny Rogers in their number one slot. Kenny Rogers is a guy that's been around, he's a winner, and he does have the experience.

JK: Kenny Rogers is 0-3 in his last three playoff starts.

BP: Kenny Rogers also wasn't the starter in the All-Star game either.

TS: I don't see either one of these teams winning, because the Yankees played in a weak AL East this year, with the Red Sox falling of the second half of the year. The Tigers might have started off hot, but they did make a skid into the playoffs. And the Twins have come on strong since the All-Star break. They also played in a tough division.

BP: Here's why I don't like the Twins. If they had Santana, and Francisco Liriano, I agree with you. The Twins could take it, because the Twins could dominate and each realistically wins two games in a seven game series and dominate the series. However, they don't have Liriano. After Santana, they have a weak pitching staff. You take Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau out of that lineup, and the Twins will have trouble producing runs.

JK: We're still talking about pitching, but we need to talk about offense. You need to look at the Yankees lineup and the possibility of having A-Rod, Jeter, Sheffield, and Abreu.

BP: Here's the deal, Kutz. That might be the most potent lineup ever put together in MLB. However, they're not going against number four and five pitchers. You're likely going to see teams' best three pitchers in the playoffs. It's not going to be as easy to tee off.

JK: I agree with you there, that they're going to see the best pitching. But, the best hitters are up against the best pitchers, and hitters are going to win sometimes ,too. And it's not like the Yankees don't have good pitching. They do have the Mike Mussinas of the world.

TS: I'm liking the Twins, because they're playing the A's, and when was the last time they won a playoff series? The Tigers and the Yankees are going to have to slug it out for probably five games in the ALDS and them come in and face the Twins who will be fresh in the ALCS.

BP: We're definitely focusing our attention on the AL, and rightfully so. The AL probably will be more exciting to watch throughout the playoffs. But in the NL, I have to think the St. Louis Cardinals are going to be hard to stop. With that rotation, and Chris Carpenter's miniscule ERA, Jason Marquis has pitched well at times, and Jeff Suppan has been on fire lately. I think the Cardinals have to be favorites out of the NL.

TS: I see the Padres coming out of the NL. I think they've come on strong in the second half. Their also playing a team that snuck into the playoffs. I see the Cardinals as a really vulnerable team right now.

BP: The Cardinals slid in the back door, but pound for pound they are a better team than the Padres. If you look at pitching, you're going to match Chris Carpenter against Jake Peavy, Marquis against Young, and Suppan against Williams. I think the Cardinals have the pitching advantage in all of these.

JK: I have to disagree with both of you. I'm going to take the Mets out of the other series. I'm going to stick with my theme of "offense wins championships" because the Mets lineup is not far behind the Yankees. Now, I know Pedro is out of the playoffs, but they still have Tom Glavine, John Maine and Aaron Heilman. They have a good young rotation. As much as Phillian says defense wins championships, I believe baseball is a game where offense can win you championships.

BP: Here's the deal with the Mets, Kutz, They will cruise right through the Dodgers. However, Inexperience. Several of these players have never been in the playoffs before, and this pitching staff is very young. Tom Glavine, maybe. However, if he goes up against Jake Peavy or Chris Carpenter. I don't like his chances of winning the ballgame at all. Maine, Heilman, El Duque, whoever the Mets decide to pitch, they are at a huge disadvantage there.

TS: The Cardinals may have the experience, but in a tight game they don't have a closer this year. With Isringhausen out, they don't have someone to finish the game.

BP: Jason Isringhausen is down, but the Cardinals can get big enough leads. With that lineup and with good solid pitching, they won't have to worry about a closer.

JK: I agree with you there. You've got to look at the ninth inning and great closers. Billy Wagner is a great closer and that may play a key role late in games.

BP: And I agree with you both. You both have teams with solid closers. However, if the Cards or whoever these teams are playing go into the ninth with the lead, Hoffman and Wagner are going to be nonentities in these playoff series.

TS: I agree with you there, but the Cards are going to have to jump on teams early if they plan on having a chance.

JK: I think that the Mets are the team out of the NL and the Yankees out of the AL, and we have ourselves another Subway Series.

BP: I like the Cardinals and the Tigers in the series. Jim Leyland's experience should pay off. I like the Tigers in 6.

TS: I'm going to have to stick with the Twins. I think they've brought too much firepower late in the season, and if they can cruise through their first series, I think they'll be set.

Golfers place fourth at 10-team invite

By Staci McGill
Staff Writer

The men's golf team hosted its only fall match of the season on Monday, October 2. The Titans took fourth place in the ten team invitational held at the New Castle country club.

The Titans accumulated a team score of 324, which included sophomore Nick Marzo, who tied for second place with a score of 75. "The team did well on Saturday, personal I could have played better, but I still think I did well," Marzo said. "After having a year under my belt I think that I am more capable of playing and since the team is so young I think we can improve greatly."

Also, cracking the top ten was junior Jeff Skubick, who tied for ninth place with a score of 78. "I really look forward to our last two invitational, I hope we do well" Skubick stated. "We are a young team, so we need the experience of playing, but I think that we can play to our full potentials during these last two matches."

"I think that the overall effort was good. We can be inconsistent, but I can never be disappointed in the effort." Coach Nicholson states.

Over half of the team made it in the top fifty of the individual scores. Freshman Steve Previs tied for twenty-ninth place with a score of 85,and tying for thirty-fourth was freshman Ravi Amina with a score of 86 and senior Dan Scarlett. Tying for thirty-eighth place was senior Jonathon Deyton with a score of 87 and tying for forty-fourth place was sophomore Dave Horn with a score of 88. Finally, in fiftieth place with a score of 89 was sophomore Jordan Flaim.

The men's golf team will next visit Penn-State Altoona, on Thursday, October 12.

Campus News

Dance Theatre auditions to begin

By Bridget Roth
Campus writer

With new officers, record breaking numbers of eager participants and auditions looming, the Dance Theatre program has danced its way into the minds of many.

Although this year's theme has yet to be decided, Dance Theatre president Jessica Miller expressed high expectations for the production. Working with the new officers to prepare for upcoming auditions and to coordinate routines for technical classes has been a difficult, yet rewarding challenge.

"We have a really good mix of officers this year," senior costume coordinator Jaycie Galbraith said. "We all have different backgrounds and strengths, but the varied styles only enhance the program."

Motivated officers have not been the only enhancement to this year's program, as participant numbers have largely outshone last year's membership. More than 100 dancers, male and female, have partaken in technical classes so far, in comparison with 50 to 60 members in previous years.

The only requirement for involvement in the program is a love for dance. Anyone with any level of dancing ability is welcome to attend the technical classes. These classes, which are not mandatory, focus on basic dance steps.

"It's a challenge for officers to accommodate everyone's style and ability, but we do the best we can," Miller said. "I think this year we've been successful in this goal."

All six of the officers have the responsibility of choreographing at least one of the technical classes, incorporating a wide spectrum of dancing skills. Previous Dance Theatre productions have included ballet, jazz, tap, modern and hip-hop.

In order to become a choreographer, auditions are required. Dancers prepare an original piece, which is presented to the officers and the faculty advisor, Gina Sharbaugh. After selection, choreographers must discuss plans for the show, working with Sharbaugh to ensure that all genres of dance are evenly represented.

"I think Dance Theatre is a great feature here at Westminster," sophomore Dominique Galletta said. "I went to last year's show, and I was amazed."

This year's audition will be held Oct. 8 in the dance studio in Old 77 beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing all day. Dancers may audition for as many pieces as desired, however they will only be chosen for up to three dances. Furthermore, chances to be included in this year's show have increased, as it will showcase 17 dances, more than the usual 14 in prior years.

Big changes have taken place in the Dance Theatre program this year, giving the officers high hopes and aspirations for this year's show. Be sure to support this growing program by attending the shows on March 29, 30 and 31.

BSU to host Pajama Jam

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

The Black Student Union will host "Pajama Jam" on Oct 7 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge.

Pajama Jam will be free and open to the entire campus. The Jam will feature guest performers, door prizes, raffles, a dance, and refreshments. The event will also provide the entire campus an opportunity for socializing and getting acquainted with members of BSU.

"It's just a great opportunity for the campus as a whole to come out and enjoy great music and food in a relaxed yet exciting atmosphere," BSU secretary Joselyn Parker said. "I can't think of a better way to go to a party than in your pajamas."

The Pajama Jam will feature live music from the Philadelphia record label Maintain Records. Entertainment will be provided by alumnus Kevin Scott, a.k.a. Young Cassius and DJ C-Dot.

The BSU hopes that students recognize that the event is open to all students and also the community. Non-students will pay $3 at the door before midnight and $5 after midnight.

"We wanted something that would be open to the campus," BSU president Akesha Joseph said. "This is something that will be clean and keep people on campus for the weekend."

The Pajama Jam is a part of BSU's attempt to emphasize the openness of its organization to the campus.

"BSU is becoming more of a mixed group. Everything we do at our meetings or on campus is open regardless of race," Joseph said.

Joseph is already considering the possibility of doing the Pajama Jam next year as well.

Members of BSU are also looking forward to organizing future events. For example, students will soon have the opportunity to send Halloween-grams to their friends. BSU will begin taking orders for either tricks or treats on October 23.

Right now, a fashion show is being considered for the spring, the details of which are currently under works.

Sig Nu house under repair

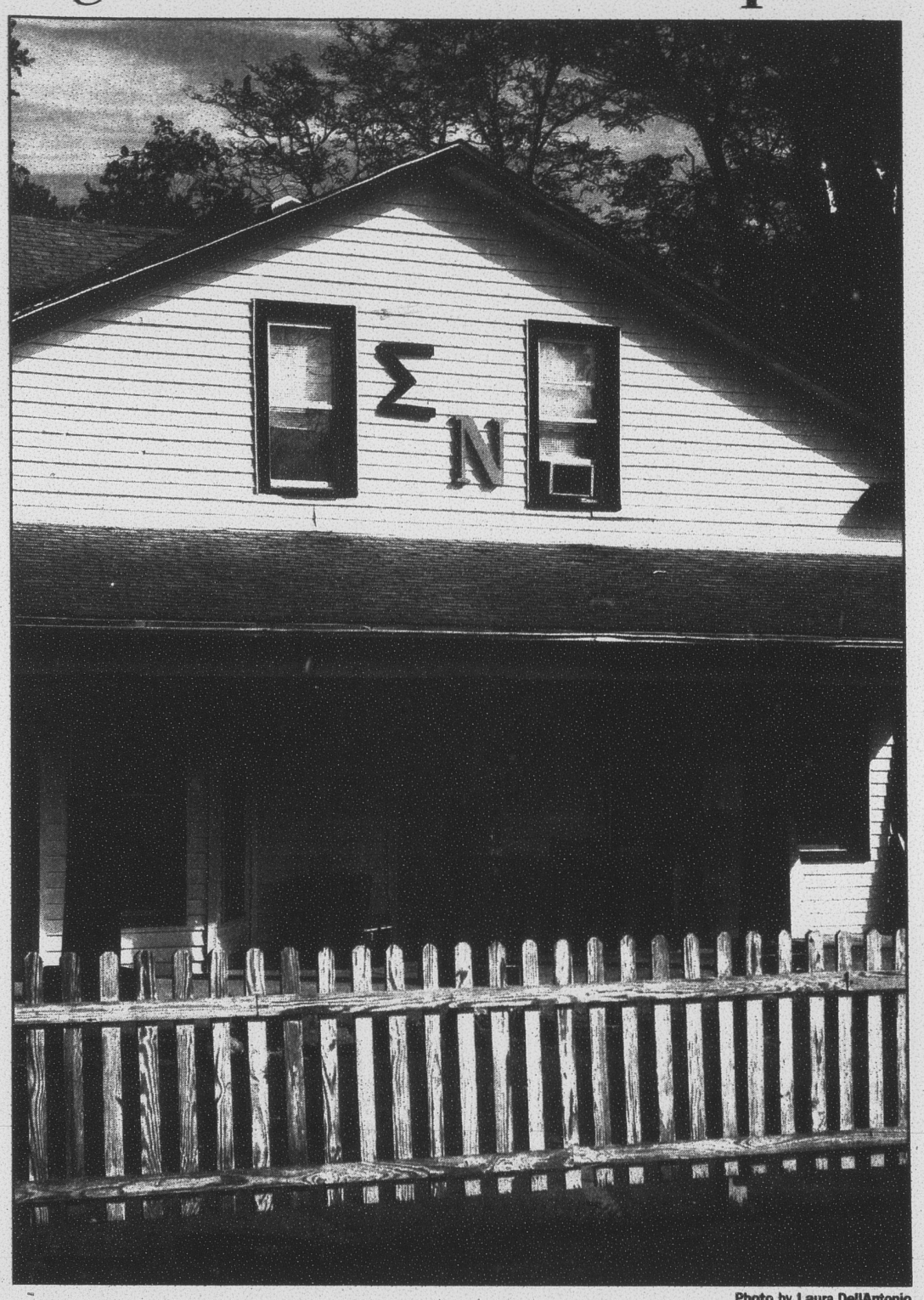


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Sigma Nu house is undergoing repairs after borough officials warned the brothers that the house may be out-of-compliance with certain standards.

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Recent rumors speculated that the Sigma Nu Fraternity house would be forced to close its doors if certain repairs weren't made to meet borough standards by a set date.

After attending a borough council meeting on Monday, borough officials told the house residents that they would have 60 days (until Dec. 1) to repair broken ceiling tiles, replace the fire alarms, and repaint parts of the house and annex or action would be taken against the house. However, according to Sigma Nu president Shane Parker, this is nothing out of the ordinary.

"It was not as big of a deal as people are making out of it," said Parker. "We were told to make the repairs by December, but no one threatened to condemn the house or anything."

Recent rumors led people to believe that the house was in dire condition and posed a danger to students living and visiting there.

However, by simply walking up to the Sigma Nu house, without even stepping a foot in the door, it is apparent by the ply wood, table saw, and saw dust on the front porch that repairs are already in progress.

Walk inside, and the ladder off to the right plus the drilling noise coming from the upstairs bathroom will reinforce the idea that several things are being fixed.

"We recently repainted parts of the annex and we are now in the process of repairing broken ceiling tiles, and completely remodeling our upstairs bathroom," Parker said.

According to Parker, a Pittsburgh-based inspector who routinely comes in the summer to evaluate the condition of the house said that it looked the best that it has in 10 years. Parker took that as quite a compliment considering the house was built sometime in the mid to late 1800s. Parker was confident that the repairs would be done on time and that even if they weren't the harshest penalty received would be a fine of some sort.

Currently, the brothers have repainted parts of the annex and are in the process of fixing broken ceiling tiles while completely remodeling the upstairs bathroom. Parker said that the fire alarm system is next on the list to be replaced.

Parker is also glad he has had the chance to dispel the negative rumors about the house.

"I'm glad I have the chance to clear things up about the house and I hope people don't think that it's unsafe or is in danger of closing down," Parker said. "We enjoy having people our here and we hope they will continue to come."

Frequent Sigma Nu house visitor, Jamie Guffey feels comfortable there, regardless of the rumors.

"All the brothers are good friends of mine and sweet guys," Guffey said" I always feel safer there than at any other house, and I know the brothers will do what they have to do to take care of the house."

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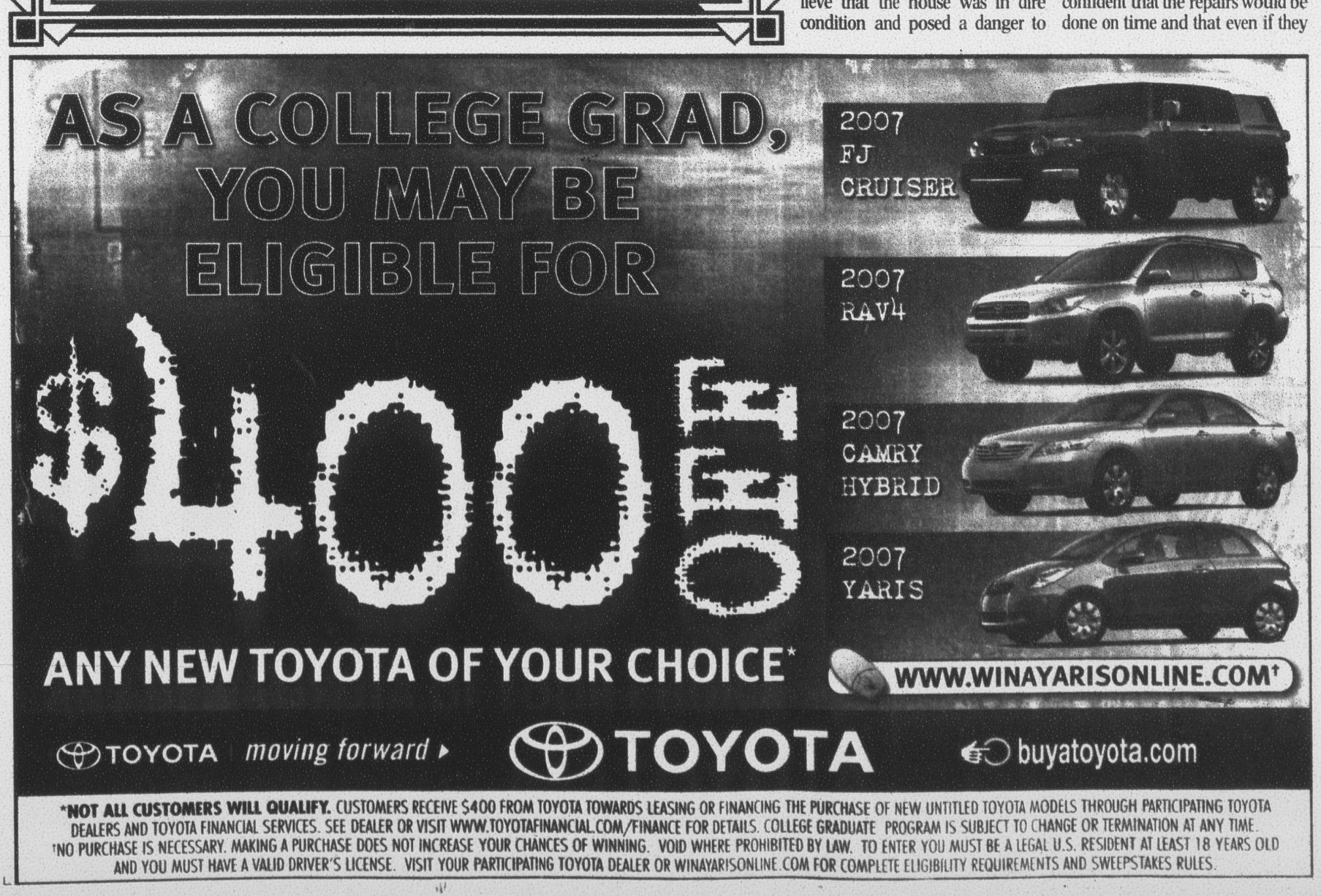
SLAC Notice

The Japanese Anime Club is seeking recognized on the college campus. Their purpose is to introduce students to the world of Japanese Anime and the ability to view it. Through Anime they hope to broaden the understanding of Japanese culture, and in particular Japanese pop culture, so that you may be able to appreciate the diversity and differences of world cultures. Membership is open to W.C. students and faculty/staff. Any objections should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs by October 19.



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Arts & Entertainment

The Guardian not up for an Oscar, but entertaining

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

The best way to describe Andrew Davis' The Guardian is as the equivalent of Top Gun for the Coast Guard. This film is not running for an Oscar like many other fall movie line-ups, but it does a decent job of entertaining the audience, which is all that many audiences ask for.

Kevin Costner plays Senior Chief Ben Randall, a highly decorated rescue swimmer in Kodiak, Alaska. Tragic circumstances lead to the loss of his entire team in a rescue mission, and Randall takes a break from the field to teach the new crop of potential rescue swimmers in A-School.

While Randall tries to deal with his demons and repair his marriage, cocky Jake Fischer (Ashton Kutcher) is determined to leave A-School with his name all over the record board (sound like Maverick in Top Gun?). Randall sees Jake as an arrogant, self-serving athlete (Jake has a number two tattooed on his back so "the guy behind me knows what place he's coming in"), but what Randall does not know is that Jake is battling the nightmare of an incident similar to his own.

Through montages of rigorous training, the audiences sees exactly why there are less than 300 rescue swimmers in the country, and why I will remain the person floundering for dear life in the ocean. Only by going through hell is Jake able to connect to his teammates, and eventually Randall breaks through Jake's barriers to become a father/mentor figure to this troubled kid.

Of course, in the entertaining Top Gun fashion, there are a few bar brawls with the rival Navy guys, and Jake charms his way into the life of local beauty Emily Thomas (Melissa Sagemiller). They try to keep it "casual" since Emily knows that in eighteen weeks Jake will move in to his more dedicated relationship with the Coast Guard.

Eventually graduation comes, (plot gap: one of the girls in A-school disappears around mid-film, and at graduation she is also missing, but there's another girl there instead. What happened?, and the new graduates are thrust into the real world of rescue swimming.

Director Andrew Davis also directed The Fugitive in 1993, which is one of the greatest action films made in the past couple decades. He knows how to make a good action film, and The Guardian does not lack scenes of terror on the water. Some critics may argue that the Bering Strait has more fishing boat and kayak mishaps than the rest of the world combined, but if you have ever been to Alaska, then you know it is not really an exaggeration. Fishing on those waters is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, and I sure would not want to be trapped in that icy death trap.

Anyways, moving on from Alaskan fishing, The Guardian is a bit clichéd and predictable at some points, but overall the character development is good, and I enjoy a good kick-your-ass- training military film; I still have the original Top Gun VHS from 1987. Ashton Kutcher actually did a decent job in a dramatic role, so maybe he could rival his wife in a remake of G.I. Jane…or not. Rating: B

Photos from online source

The Guardian **is like** *Top Gun* **for the Coast Guard.**

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

No More Ramen prepares students for life after cheap noodles

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Oct. 2 -- U-Wire-- Students can learn a lot in school, but when it comes to real-life skills like getting a job, managing money and balancing your life, Nicholas Aretakis and 20-somethings from coast to coast say the classroom falls short in a new book titled No More Ramen: The 20-something's real world survival guide, which is available in bookstores now.

Aretakis spent the better part of a year traveling to university towns and talking with recent graduates and students about their fears, issues, dreams and passions. The result is a book that captures the essence of what 20-somethings have in store once they find themselves out of school. It also provides the answers to their burning career questions and practical advice for finding happiness.

"School can't possibly teach everything a young person needs to know to be successful in life. The classroom's role is to teach a core curriculum and open a student's mind to life-long learning," says Aretakis, who found his own way with the help of his first boss and mentor. "People helped me figure out how life worked; I didn't expect to learn it in school."

What Aretakis did learn at Columbia University was math and engineering and when he graduated he got his first real job in the high-tech industry. As he mastered the real-world ropes, he began chronicling and sharing his experience and knowledge with others. That was the beginning of a 20-plus year passion for helping people succeed. His wisdom and methods along with the insights from hundreds of 20-somethings are compiled in No More Ramen.

No More Ramen covers goal-setting exercises, job-hunting strategies, on-the-job tips, financial basics and handling the real world. It teaches readers to discover their passion and decide on their dream job, then think three steps ahead to make sure they get there. The book also interjects a healthy dose of realism. Readers learn that dreams often require a few years to materialize.

Amber, a recent college graduate and job seeker said, "I had no idea how much I didn't know about even the most basic things. No More Ramen helped me discover that step one is understanding myself and what I want out of life. The book gave me direction and that feels great."

Unlike other authors who conclude the confusion of the 20-somethings is a new phenomenon, Aretakis in No More Ramen says this isn't new at all. It's been happening for generations. The difference today is the circumstances, the environment and the options have changed. That's one way Aretakis, a "40-something," connects with people 20 years younger than himself. He says we've all been through it. This book is a practical guide of what works and what doesn't.

IBM challenges students to help the physically-disabled

Armonk, NY, October 3, 2006 - U-Wire -- IBM is challenging the college crowd to create computer programs that can easily be used by people with physical disabilities, such as the blind or mobility-impaired. Aside from feeling good about what they've done, some winners can also collect iPods and laptops and speak at a conference.

IBM has inaugurated a contest in which college students will race to create software programs for people with disabilities who use word processing, spreadsheets and presentations based on a new document format, called the Open-Document Format (ODF). As with any computer program, those with disabilities often require special technology to narrate and navigate the information on-screen. The new ODF format will need these capabilities as it gains popularity (the Gartner consultancy predicts that the format will be required by 50 percent of governments and 20 percent of commercial organizations by 2010).

That's where the computer science whizzes, and the contest, come in:

In the initial phase, already underway, contest applicants will spend several hours reading articles and presentations on ODF, and on topics of making computers accessible for those with disabilities. The first 200 students who pass an online quiz about the topic, win a t-shirt.

In the second phase, applicants can create a tool that automatically identifies places where a word processing document based on ODF could use special features for the handicapped. Alternatively, they can identify a specific issue pertaining to ODF and people with disabilities, and explain in an abstract how they would use technology to address the challenge. If approved by the panel of judges, they will then create programming code to support the solution proposed in their abstract.

Between 750 million and 1 billion of the world's 6 billion people have a speech, vision, mobility, hearing or cognitive disability, according to the World Health Organization. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one-quarter of the U.S. population will reach 55 by 2008, and about two-thirds will experience a disability after age 65.

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Music reviews with Elizabeth C. Suders!

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SENIOR SEMINAR

Calendar

October 6, 2006

Concert Choir's Music and Meatballs (Seatings at 4:30, 5:45, and 7:00 p.m.) – New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Social Hall

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting – MCC 255

11:35 AM Biology Department Lunch/Internship Presentations – Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:00 PM Women's Tennis at Mount Union

4:15 PM Academic Standards Committee Meetings – Thompson-Clark 206

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: Hubble Vision – Hoyt Science Center 116

8:00 PM CPC Presents An Evening with Tom DeLuca – MCC Club/Lounge

October 7, 2006

FAMILY DAY

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Family Day Coffee and Meeting with President Williamson – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Family Day Barbecue – Anderson Amphitheater

1:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

1:30 PM Football vs. Thomas More (H) – Burry Stadium

3:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

5:30 PM Titan Sports Hall of Fame Banquet – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: Hubble Vision – Hoyt Science Center 116

7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM BSU and SGA Pajama Jam – MCC Club/Lounge

October 8, 2006

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Shoot for the Cause – Memorial Field House

2:00 PM Women's Tennis at Chatham

3:00 PM Saxophone Studio Recital – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311/312

October 9, 2006

COLUMBUS DAY (Observed)

SGA Day

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM ARGO Dedication – MCC Witherspoon Maple

12:00 PM The Holcad Staff Meeting – MCC 255

5:00 PM CPC Meeting – MCC Club

5:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting – Old Main 213

5:30 PM Praise Team – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple

October 10, 2006

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Argo Distribution – MCC TUB

12:45 PM SIFE Meeting – Patterson 114

4:00 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse: War in Iraq – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

4:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Grove City (H)

4:00 PM Women's Tennis at Penn State-Behrend

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Argo Distribution – MCC TUB

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting – MCC 255

6:00 PM Career Center's Senior Seminar – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Bethany (H)

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Sigma Kappuccino – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:30 PM ALLIES Meeting – Thompson-Clark 315

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting – Thompson-Clark 314

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple

October 11, 2006

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Argo Distribution – MCC TUB

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting – MCC 255

11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Amy Camardese, "Fulbright China Seminar" – MCC Mueller Theater

4:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Grove City (H)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Argo Distribution – MCC TUB

6:00 PM Diversity Services Workshop – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting – Patterson 112

7:00 PM Ski and Snowboard Club Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

8:00 PM Black Student Union Meeting – MCC 255

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

October 12, 2006

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Argo Distribution – MCC TUB

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting – MCC 255

5:00 PM International Cultures Club – Thompson-Clark 315

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting – MCC 352

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Argo Distribution – MCC TUB

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting – Patterson 231

5:30 PM Chapel Staff Meeting – Old Main 213

5:30 PM International Cultures Club – Thompson-Clark 314

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Gospel Choir – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting – MCC 255

Sudoku!

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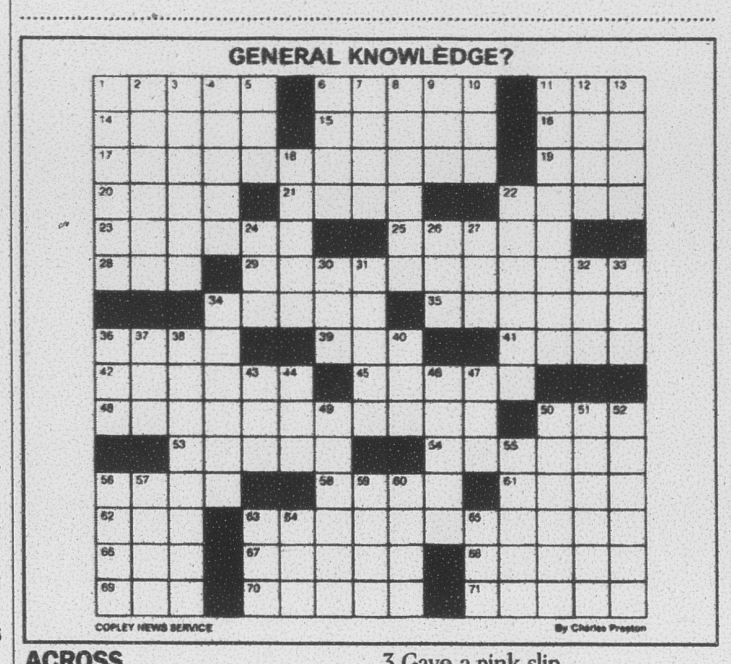

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11 Start of a sentence
14 Expunge
15 Oak-to-be
16 Short air trip
17 Start of Jonathan Kozol quote
19 Shad delicacy
20 Carbon residue
21 "___ we forget . . ."
22 Assay
23 Warns
25 Sen. Kefauver
28 Kennedy or Koppel
29 More of quote
34 Drink milk, à la Socks
35 Chimerical
36 Fast food choice
39 More S than E
41 Sea eagle
42 Orchestra member
45 Beginning
48 More of quote
50 Shea player
53 Lubbock lady
54 All over again
56 Ananias, e.g.
58 Harem rooms
61 Pueblo people
62 Chang's twin
63 End of quote
66 Downed the duckling
67 Bristles
68 Utopian
69 Mayday!, once
70 Vogue
71 Despondently

DOWN

1 1940s jazz enthusiast
2 Meadowlark cousin
3 Gave a pink slip
4 Glacial deposit
5 New entrant into society, briefly
6 Chess cry
7 Play parts
8 Like flowing lava
9 Rage
10 Print measures
11 Song bird
12 Bird of song, kind of
13 Fencer's foil
18 Illinois village
22 Rue
24 Late night viewing choice: abbr.
26 Old French coin
27 Wine cask
30 He starts her?
31 Sort of salts
32 Soak up some rays
33 Corrida cry
34 Linger without purpose
36 Thanksgiving victim
37 Lawyers' org.
38 Small country houses
40 Queen of Spain
43 Distinguishing classification
44 Musical syllable
46 Virgule
47 Diminutive being
49 Haughty
50 Sounded like Socks
51 Observation
52 Sparsely
55 Spinoff of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
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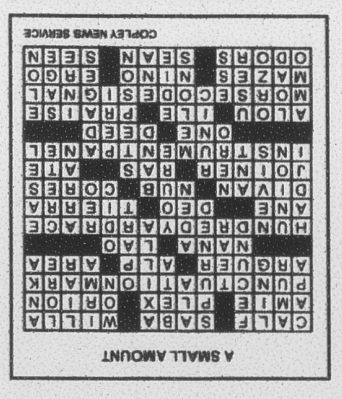
60 Tennessee-born writer James
63 Double curve
64 The bottom line
65 "___ the season to . . ."

Last Week's Answers



Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): There will be moments of uncertainty or doubt this week. Proceed with caution and take time to clarify your ambitions.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A partner or mate plays a major role. Accept their guidance and allow them to assist you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Waylaid plans or goals will get back on track this week. Look for a clear indication that the time is right.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Work to resolve the financial issues that are the result of leisure or social activities.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Prepare for a period of limitation or controlled growth, especially on the home front. Cut cost wherever possible..

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Follow up on ideas that were long ago placed on the back burner or hidden in the inner chambers of your mind. Write them down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You are plagued by a burning desire for fun, freedom and adventure this week. Go out and explore the unknown.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): You do not have all of the answers necessary to move forward. Reach out and learn some important lessons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A positive force brings joy, hope and happiness to a personal situation. Enjoy a very pleasant and upbeat period.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You are at a major turning point in business or professional endeavors. Study your options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Communicate your goals and ambitions with enthusiasm and confidence this week. It is time to go for the gusto.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): An antagonistic encounter will force you off course and ultimately curtail your success.

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A legal notice concerning this lawsuit was published in this newspaper on or about September 30, 2005. If you did not exclude yourself from the Class in response to that earlier notice, you are eligible to participate in the settlement. In order to receive money from the settlement, you must submit a valid Claim Form postmarked on or before December 1, 2006. You may obtain a copy of the settlement agreement and claim form by calling 1-877-745-4148 or by visiting www.U-HAULPennsylvaniaLitigation.com. If you do not submit a Claim Form, you will not receive money, but will be bound by the settlement. If you previously excluded yourself from the Class, you will not be entitled to submit a claim for money, but you will still have the right to file your own lawsuit. If the settlement is finally approved by the Court, you will be bound by the settlement unless you previously excluded yourself from the Class.

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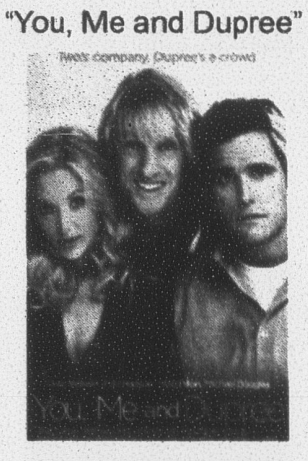
MCKELVEY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY!
An Evening with Tom DeLuca
8:00 PM Club Room/Berlin Lounge
SATURDAY!
BSU Pajama Jam
10:00 PM - 2 AM Berlin Lounge
Donation at the Door

"Lady in the Water"

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"You, Me and Dupree"



8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00 PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room
October 9th Baltimore at Denver

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

COMING SOON...

Oct. 20 Titan's Tavern-Brandon Hewitt & Springhill
Oct. 27 Craig Karges
Oct. 28 Jazz Concert
Oct. 28 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 10 Titan's Tavern-JD Eicher & 1959
Nov. 11 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 11 Lee Camp-Comic
Dec. 2 Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 8 Titan's Tavern-Valley Below, JD Eicher & Nikki Douglas

Features

Can't force a square peg into a round hole

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

This week, there will be no thinly veiled digs at college girls. I've tried to be nice, but it's just not working out.

If you're of the male persuasion, you'll likely be 1) amused and agree with me, 2) not get what I'm talking about because you've still not spoken to a female for a reason that is not juvenile, or 3) shocked that at least one girl is aware of what's going on – we're not all like this.

This afternoon as I sat in the TUB I noticed groups who prided themselves upon appearance, upon craziness and upon their own self-righteousness. Who determines these categorizations of people? No one would want to lump themselves into one of those few limiting groups, would they?

No, of course not.

As a freshman transfer stepping foot onto this campus knowing only a few freshman guys (those deluded creatures), I also gawked at the older girls who seemed to be ever so put together.

That was before I realized half of them had to be dressed professionally for junior block and that they all showered down the hall in flip-flops carrying their shampoo in baskets along the way just like me.

Which made me wonder how much more they were like me. The answer I've found is saddening.

We are all the same whether underneath the polished exteriors of eyeliner and pointed heels (shoes of the moment for the guys reading this) or bare faces and comfortable clogs, but most will never bother to look past those things to make that realization.

You learn these things while helping one over-toasted young lady after another to her room, the restroom, or pretty much anywhere she insists on going then listening to whatever she last thought about before becoming too intoxicated. Someone ceasing to exist, someone jilting someone unfairly, someone being a trashy rebound – and I'm not even going into what you'll hear with sober ears when on the Happy Bus.

Don't pride yourself on being such an individual, and at the same time don't cram yourself into that one shape you so desperately want to fit in. If it's a hard fit – it's not really you, is it?

Sit at home and watch Harry Potter on a Saturday night if you so desire. Have a few drinks on Friday if you really just want to temporarily put aside the worries of the week (and are careful!). But don't do it because you want to be what someone else seems to be.

Chances are, that pong champ is failing out of his econ class and that put together girl is trying to put herself out of misery regarding some stupid boy. And they're all stupid boys.

The point being: make real friends. Keep them. Don't sell out on them at the first hint of popularity; that pettiness was supposed to be left at the podium where you received your high school diploma.

Don't just make one, because chances are a couple of them will be lost along the way, regardless of any efforts you may put into your friendships – to codependent relationships with stupid boys, to being yanked out of classes because of their poor grades, to alcoholism, to growing and changing from the people you were freshman year.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who wishes there were more interesting conversations and less F-bombs around her.

Is it just me? Trouble even in Amish paradise?

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Is it just me, or has this recent string of school shootings not only broken your heart, but really, really made you mad?

After leaving a meeting Monday afternoon, I noticed that I had missed a couple of calls from my mother. Since mom calls me all of the time, I really didn't think anything of it. When I called her back, she let out a sigh of relief. "What's wrong, mom?" I asked.

That's when she told me that there was breaking news of a school shooting in an Amish community (at that time they didn't say exactly where it was). It wasn't long before I came across the story of this school house tragedy, which was the third school shooting in less than a week.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, a 53-year-old man took six female students hostage in a Colorado high school, killing a 16 year old girl before turning the gun on himself. Two days later a 15-year-old former student at a Wisconsin high school opened fire on the principal, who later died. I sit back and ask myself, "What in the world is going on?"

There have been 25 shootings at or near schools nationwide since the beginning of this school year.

All of these school shootings broke my heart into pieces, but the most recent, which was in Lancaster County, really made me mad. Here we have children ranging from the ages of six to 13 in a one-room schoolhouse, jolted from the comfort of learning by a mad man with guns giving them orders.

He let all of the boys, and several adult women leave, along with a pregnant teacher and women with infant children, but he kept the female students. Then he lined them up at the chalkboard, binding their tiny feet with wire and plastic straps, and shooting some them execution style at point blank range.

After a 45 minute standoff with police, three of the girls were dead, along with the 32-year-old shooter, identified as Charles Carl Roberts IV, who turned the gun on himself. Seven others were taken to the hospital, where two more died, leaving three in critical condition and two in serious condition.

There are reports that Roberts was experiencing some depression after the death of his infant daughter in 1997. There was also speculation that he had molested two of his relative's years ago and had been haunted by dreams of molesting again.

Two of the three most recent shootings have had some sexually driven content in them, and they were done by men well over school age. The question I have is what is to blame for these shootings? Or do we even have anything that we can blame?

We live in a day and age where technology has made life in general very convenient. But some things that grace our television sets, even on the four basic channels, would have never been aired 50 years ago.

Sexual innuendoes and violence are coming in the form of cartoons and videogames. There once was a time when my biggest fear was getting home after the streetlight had come on. Now I feel like I have to worry about things ranging from terrorist attacks to school shootings.

I don't want to live in fear. I don't want to have to be concerned with whether people are holding grudges from situations in their pasts. I don't think that it is fair to say that some of the things people are exposed to on a daily basis are a reason to commit crimes, but I really don't think that it helps.

Cyberspace gives the average person the opportunity to become whoever he/she wants to be. On Myspace alone there are hundreds of hate groups and violent groups, which have members as young as 13 in them. It's as easy as the click of the mouse, and anyone can uncover a whole world of people who think like them; their true identities could easily remain a mystery.

Like I said before, I know that it is unfair to blame the new age technology for some of these problems, because they have a lot of great qualities as well, but I don't think that it helps. I mean, there have been 462 people, including students and faculty, killed at schools between 1992 and 2002 (that number was given four years ago).

Sometimes I sit and wonder how someone can knowingly see what violence does and where it gets a person, yet somehow manage to find a way to engage in it.

Monday, October 2, 2006, was a beautiful sunny day in the Amish community of Lancaster County. A community full of peaceful people who separate themselves from mainstream, modern society for religious reasons.

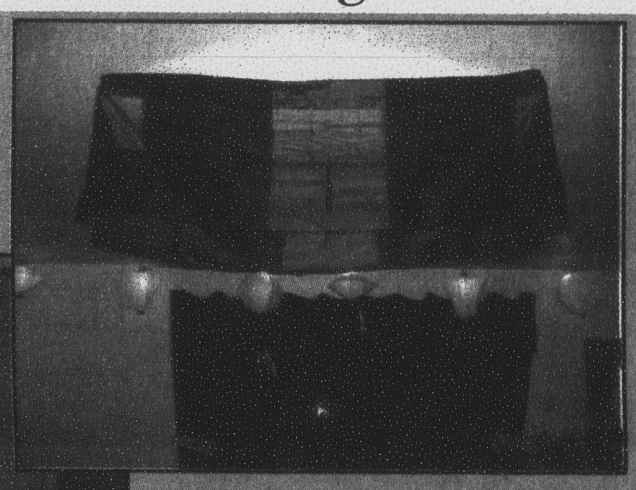
The people in that community entered that seemingly peaceful day like any other. The school day began with eager little children ready to learn, and although the sun still shined the rest of the day, what was once a beautiful day in a peaceful non-violent community, became a tragic day across the nation.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

WC Cribs

This week, Features Editor Jenn Corkadel takes us inside Ferg 108

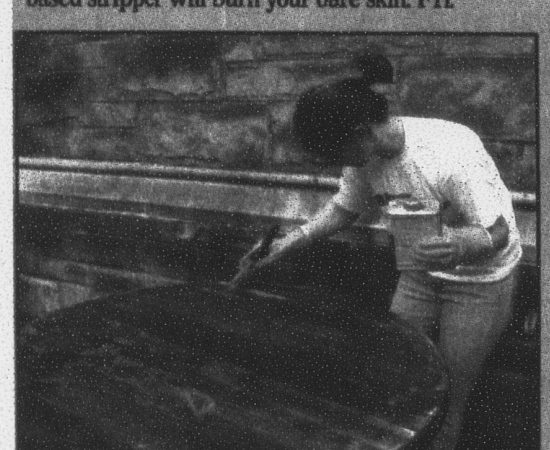
I couldn't stand the harsh fluorescent lights so I bought these paper lanterns online from Target. Not very inventive, but they look pretty cool with the overhead lights off. We still wanted to be able to use the main lights so I put these valances that coordinate with the curtains up and narrowed down the amount of blinding light the room is exposed to, but still allows for work on the table.



The big marble window ledge gives lots of light in the afternoon for our plants. Hopefully these ones will live as neither of us are very good at watering correctly. There's approximately too much stuff pouring out of someone's closet who will go unnamed.

This was my Labor Day. Grandma must have been losing her vision because the table had layers and layers of clear coat on it. Two kinds of chemical stripper and many evenings with a minisander on the terrace later, it's finished. If you're curious, even water-based stripper will burn your bare skin. FYI.

Here's where I sleep. The bed's been made exactly twice now and has space underneath for bookshelves, as well as a plethora of sewing and miscellaneous crafty things.



This is Grandma's table. We decided it could live with us because it meant a lot to me, oh and it's the right size and shape for an impromptu poker game... If we ever had time. You'd never guess it but my roomie is quite the poker shark, so be wary.

Is anyone else willing to subject their abode to this scrutiny? If you'd like your room to be featured, let us know! Contact information for *The Holcad* is in the staff box on the Opinion page.

Torso Murderer's victims discovered, linked to mob

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"There's daggers in men's smiles."

As October passes, this history column will explore the eerie, the strange, and at times the murderous side of Lawrence County in preparation for Halloween.

From 1925 until 1942, a slew of murders extended from West Pittsburg through Lawrence County to Cleveland, Ohio. Later experts have called this local slayer the "Torso Murderer" and many consider him America's first serial killer.

Railroad tracks ran through a nearby swamp outside of New Castle, since dubbed "Hell's Half-Acre" or the "bog of horror." In this small area, officials uncovered a seated, buried corpse of a decapitated man near one of the few path entrances to the swamp. Investigators found his head buried underneath his feet pointing north. Five more distorted bodies surfaced upon further investigation.

Years passed without further incidences while the case persisted unsolved. Railroad tracks connected New Castle to Youngstown, Akron and Cleveland, and between 1935 and 1938, 12 more headless corpses surfaced in Cleveland that resembled the Lawrence County's slaughters.

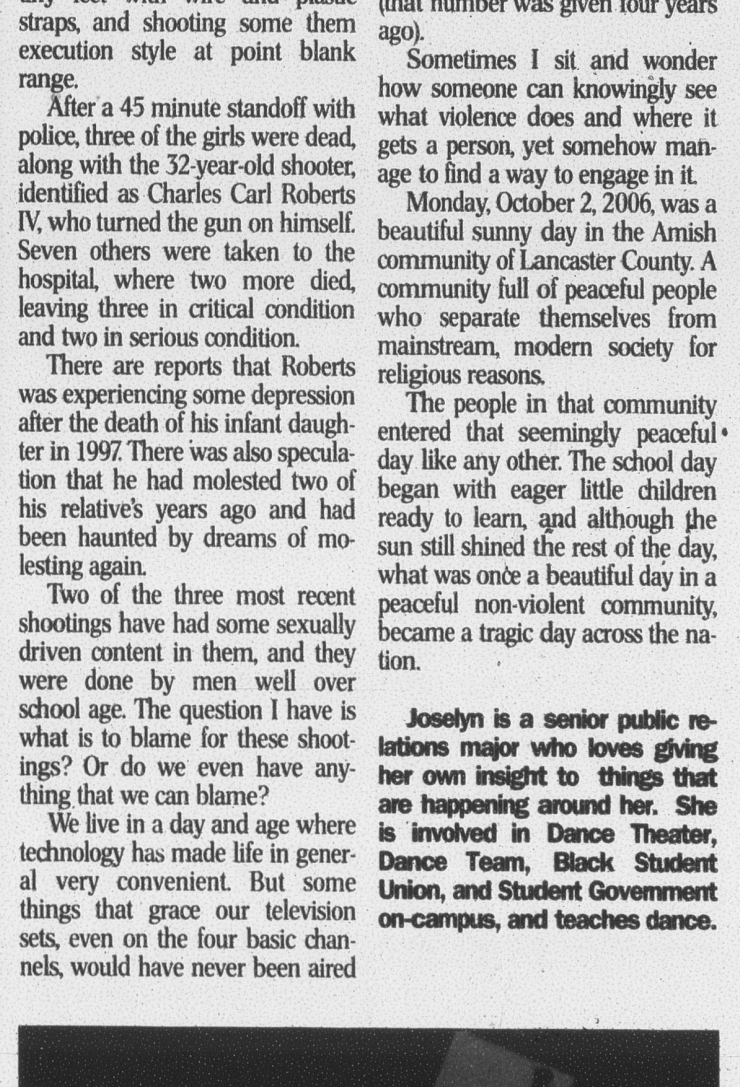
The case attracted the attention of Cleveland's Public Safety Director at the time, Eliot Ness, infamous for ensnaring the notorious crime boss Al Capone. Stories circulated that the killer sent letters to Ness throughout his career, even after his retirement, mocking him for his incapability to solve the case; however, it remains unclear whether the author of the letters was truly the killer or a sick supporter. Upon his retirement, the Torso Murders proved to be Ness' only unsolved case.

The Cleveland killings, which a local Cleveland residence referred to as "the Mad Butcher of Kingsbury Run," came to an end in 1934.

In 1939, decapitated bodies began to emerge again in Lawrence County. Officials uncovered six bodies within the county.

Suddenly in 1942, the murders suddenly ceased. Some suggest that the murderer enlisted and died in World War II, rendering him incapable to continue his lethal rampage. Others contend that one railroad conductor with 20 years experience on the railroads between Pittsburgh and Cleveland may have perpetrated the slaughters, as he died in a railroad accident around the same time that the killings desisted.

All but three of the Torso Murders' victims remained unidentified, and the slayer will continue to remain an illusive and chilling chapter in history.



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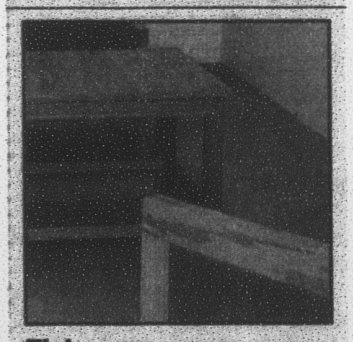

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Campus Statistic of the Week

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Class celebrating its fiftieth reunion this year

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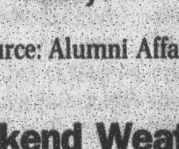

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Homecoming

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

As many people know, it has long been a tradition to elect a homecoming king and a queen as part of the festivities during homecoming weekend.

The tradition of homecoming may have been started as far back as 1911 by the University of Missouri, and is still continuing strong all over America.

At Westminster, a candidate is put forth from each sorority and fraternity, as well as the independent party.

The following are the candidates for the Homecoming Queen of 2006.

Durann VanGorder is the candidate from the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Jessica Cooper is the candidate from the Kappa Delta sorority.

Ashley Beaver is the candidate from Sigma Kappa.

Sarah Mantella is the candidate from Phi Mu.

Ashley "Cubbey" Linnelli is the candidate from the Zeta Tau Alpha.

Leanna Stitt is the independent candidate for homecoming queen.

The following young men were put forth as candidates for Homecoming King of 2006.

Nicholas DiNatale is the candidate from Sigma Nu.

Travis Bieda is the candidate from Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Gene Cunningham is the candidate from the Theta Chi fraternity.

Barry Unis is the candidate from Phi Kappa Tau.

Cory Criss is the candidate from Alpha Sigma Phi.

Anatoli Dorosh is the independent candidate.

The candidates' full biographies and photographs can be found in the Homecoming spread in this edition.

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Next week, *The Holcad* will feature photographs of the crowning of the 2006 king and queen and the interviews with the winners.

U.S. Senator speaks, answers questions

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Republican Senator Arlen Specter visited the college October 18 as part of a statewide college tour to find out what political issues are important to students.

Specter spoke for about an hour and twenty minutes to an attentive crowd of about 150 people who gathered in Witherspoon Maple to interact with the senator. He spoke briefly about his experiences as a politician, and then opened the floor up to the audience for their questions and political concerns.

"Young people are the wave of the future," Specter said "It is intellectually stimulating for me to see what they are interested in."

Specter's visit was arranged by his Erie Office and the college's Political Science department chair, Dr. Edward Cohen. Cohen introduced the senator, who was welcomed with a warm applaud from his audience. Specter began by explaining his recent accomplishments and political views on current issues such as the widely controversial war in Iraq.

"I feel the Iraq situation is currently unstable," Specter said. "I

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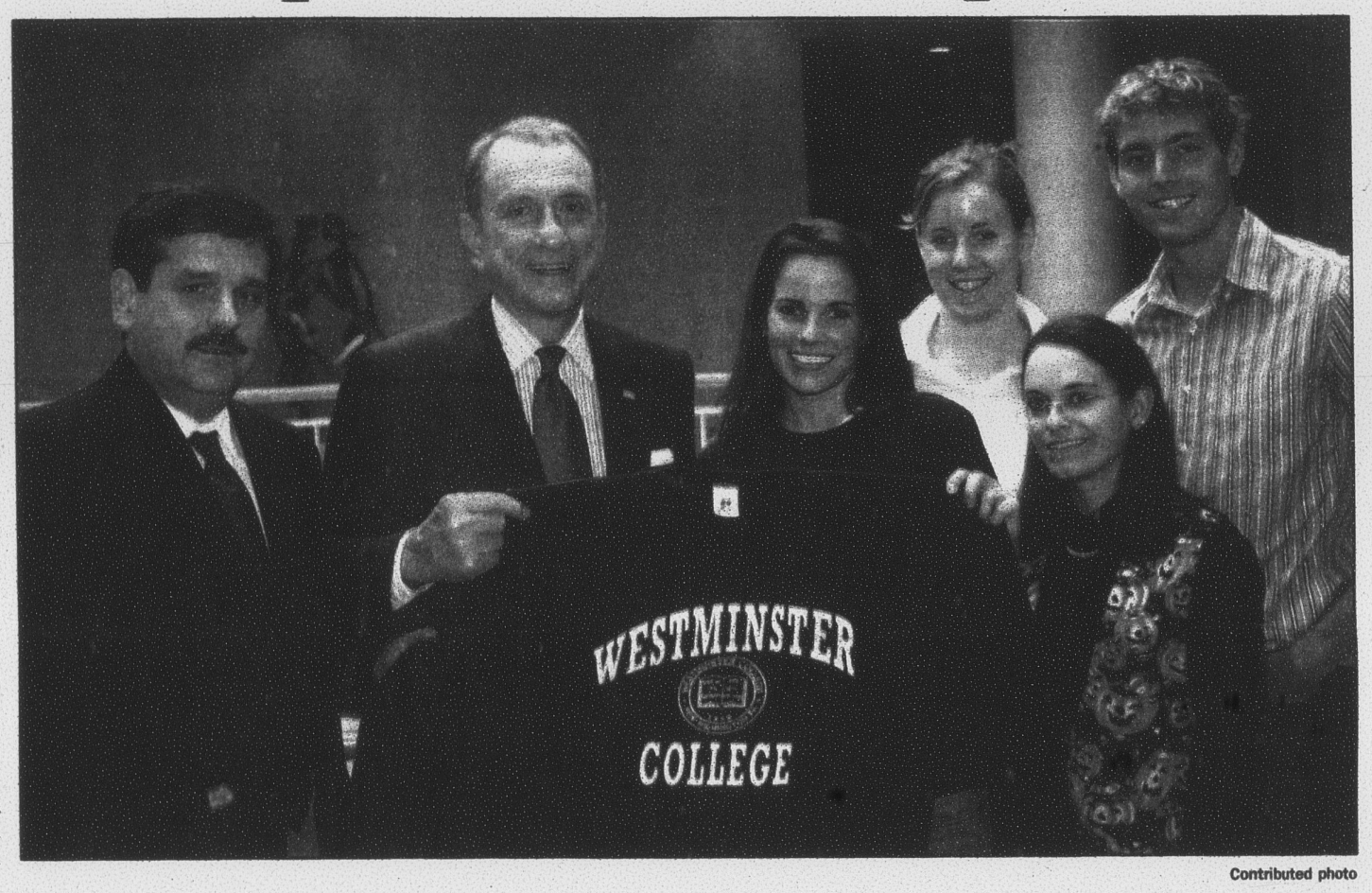

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Senator Arlen Specter, second from left, spoke to students about Iraq and North Korea, and answered questions about stem cell research, *habeus corpus* and network neutrality. Dr. Cohen, left, sophomore Emily Herzing, juniors Carsen Nesbitt and Johanna Hutchison and senior Kevin Oshnock represented the College Republicans.

Service learning to replace community service requirements

By Will Quigley
Campus writer

Although the college dropped its formal community service requirement in 2004, the spirit of service remains alive and well through service learning courses.

The Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning supports the service learning program and the Civic Engagement Council, comprised of 10 faculty members, meets bi-weekly. Faculty members include Terri Lenox (coordinator), Beverly Cushman, Anne Bentz, Helen Boylan, James Perkins, Joyce Hoellein, Eileen Morelli, Evann Garrison, Sherri Pataki and Milagros Swerdlow.

"I think there's been service learning forever on campus, but this year the Civic Engagement Council and the Drinko Center wanted to do something more formal," associate professor of computer science Dr. Terri Lenox said. "We really wanted to do something more thoughtful."

The Curriculum Operations Committee recommended in 2004 that the community service requirement be eliminated due to the loss of its former support course, Inquiry 102. The committee formed the Civic Engagement Task Force to advocate more meaningful community service projects in the absence of the requirement. The CETF explored potential areas of civic engagement and suggested the formation of the Civic Engagement Council to be voted on by faculty and a Service Learning Faculty Fellows program to assist faculty in incorporating service into their courses and to increase the number of faculty in support of service learning.

Lenox is teaching Systems Analysis and Design (Computer Science 221) this semester and has implemented service learning in the course. The seven students in the class are researching the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership in order to redesign the agency's Web site for LCCAP's clients and for internal use.

Students in the class have formed a team in order to tackle the project, with each member holding a different position. They will present their vision of the Web site to the LCCAP in December and will design the necessary HTML pages next semester in the Software Engineering course.

"In all honesty, it's probably the most useful class I've taken thus far at Westminster," junior computer information systems major Justin Smith said. "It's not just writing down what Dr. Lenox lectures about and then reciting it back to her on a test but applying what she teaches you to an important real-life project to experience first-hand how it can be used."

Several other courses are incorporating service learning as well. Reading in the Content Area (Education 351), taught by associate professor of education Dr. Eileen Morelli, puts students in cooperation with ninth-grade social studies students to enhance learning and improve instruction for both groups.

Assistant professor of psychology Dr. Sherri Pataki's Introduction to a Liberal Arts Education (Inquiry 111) course works with the LCCAP to research and to address local poverty. Students gather information about poverty in the area and then help local service agencies with several projects to assist families in need.

Experiential Studies Projects (Public Relations 501), taught by professor of English and public relations Dr. James Perkins, and Advanced Laboratory (Chemistry 351), taught by assistant professor of chemistry Helen Boylan, also include service learning projects.

Assistant professor of religion Rev. Dr. Beverly Cushman is in the process of redesigning the Christian education major to include a three-year internship program. The internship will provide congregational experience requiring relevant research in each of four key courses: Christian Education with Children (Religion 226), Christian Education with Youth (Religion 227), Christian Education with Adults (Religion 228) and Christian Education Administration (Religion 321).

Future courses planned to implement the concepts of service learning include Speaking Hispanic (Spanish 102), Hispanic American Literature & Culture (English 129), Opera Workshop (Music 427), Career Writing (Writing 252) and Multicultural Education (Education 203).

College Republicans registers high schoolers

By Lindsay Crist
Campus writer

The College Republicans visited Wilmington Area High School to register students aged 18 years and older during their lunch Oct. 2 and 3.

In preparation for the upcoming general election, the College Republicans are working together to support their favorite candidates, Rick Santorum and Lynn Swann. Last week, four of the members spent the lunch hour at Wilmington Area High School handing out information and raising the interest of the local students.

"The students seemed to be really appreciative," said public relations chair Carsen Nesbitt.

Four of the members of College Republicans were able to register 25 Wilmington students for the election on Nov. 11.

One member, organization president Emily Herzing, was reminded of high school life.

"I enjoyed going to the high school," said Herzing. "It gave the students the opportunity to register and think about something they normally would not."

To raise awareness, the College Republicans have been going to the Republican headquarters in New Castle and Neshannock to make phone calls to area residents reminding them to register for the upcoming election. They have also been conducting literature drops, which are visiting homes around the county to hand out information on their candidates.

"We just want to make sure everyone is informed," said Nesbitt.

Some of the College Republicans' upcoming events include "Letters from Home," which are letters and care packages from members of the campus community to the soldiers stationed overseas. They also plan to bring a Republican candidate to campus to speak.

"Lynn Swann fell through, but Rick Santorum is still a possibility," said Herzing.

The week before the election, members will be sitting in the TUB passing out information in support of their candidates.

At the beginning of the semester the College Republicans held a registration drive on campus, which registered over 60 people, including absentee ballots. They also participated in the activities fair and established 40 members.

"We hope to encourage others to join the organization by word of mouth," said Herzing.

Not everyone is interested in politics, but the only way to create change is to get involved. Even outsiders have become interested in the upcoming Pennsylvania election and the importance of voting and being informed.

"Yes, I am voting in the Ohio election, and if I was from Pennsylvania, I would vote for Rick Santorum," said junior, Ohio resident, Ashley Linnelli.

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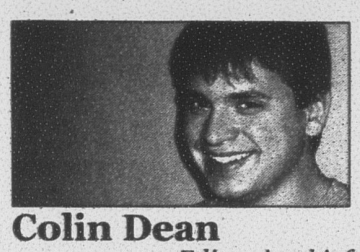
Opinion

TUB food for a month: a modest proposal



Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

I've lived off-campus now for a little more than six months and have more than enjoyed cooking for myself (and sometimes my roommate, too) on the few occasions I've had the time to do so.

I find myself making Easy Mac quite often and going to Pizza Joe's every now and then. When I can convince someone to go with me, I'll go to El Canelo or, if it's late at night, Taco Bell.

I don't really miss on-campus dining.

Actually, I don't miss it at all.

Except the smiling workers. I miss them. I get to see them now and then, but not as much as I formerly did.

And, there are certain elements of convenience I miss, such as getting a side salad or a cup of soup and a bottle of cranberry juice or green tea at lunch. It's enough to fill my stomach (judge me by my size, do you?).

I'll admit that I ate on-campus during band camp this year. After all, the band covers it and I spent all my time on-campus that week anyway. It was not calorie-efficient for me to go home to eat. Define "calorie-efficient" however you desire, humorous reader.

That week was not a pleasant one for my digestive system. Fortunately, I made healthy decisions (salad, non-fried things, etc.) and was able to stave off the majority of the..side effects of eating on-campus.

Once classes began, I obviously couldn't eat on-campus. Fortunately, my schedule this semester permits me to eat a larger, early lunch to fuel me throughout the day until I return to my apartment at night after my classes.

Occasionally, I end up eating on-campus for one reason or another. Perhaps a friend takes pity on me for having not eaten enough for lunch and buys me dinner (while I appreciate the act of charity, I sometimes wonder if buying a friend food on-campus could actually be considered charity).

I, like other students, have noticed the increase of prices in the TUB and the demise of the once-mighty dollar menu at the Grille. And the delicious cookies are now 50 cents. For a mere 10 cents more, I could walk into town and buy a bar of Hershey's Special Dark and be all the more pleased.

Jeff Creveling, food service director, said in a Sept. 15 *Holcad* article that the prices in the TUB are competitive with area restaurants. I agree–in fact, last year, in a Nov. 18 editorial, I proved this to be true by visiting area restaurants and comparing prices with the TUB (I dined in the newly renovated cafeteria once all last semester, mostly because of my insane schedule and this fine newspaper).

However, what Creveling, and perhaps many of the administrators who deal with the food on campus, fail to acknowledge is that no one, especially those on the budget of a college student, can afford to eat at a restaurant every meal of every day of every week for an entire semester.

I can't expect the TUB to compete with Wal-Mart or Giant Eagle, since students have to drive to those places and those places are obviously larger and buy in bulk.

However, the TUB should be competing with grocery stores like Gilliland's and Golden Dawn, two grocers in town. The slightly higher prices at either justifies the convenience, and, with the price of gas, is somewhat equivalent to traveling to the previously mentioned chains to buy things.

The McGinnis dining hall is on par with local restaurants, but still expensive for a regular diner.

I've lost almost thirty pounds since January and I feel great. I'm in the best shape, physically and gastrointestinally, since high school.

How?

I all but stopped eating food on-campus.

Last semester, I'd get salads and soups and the occasional wrap from Substantials (sub line, for those of you who don't read signs) or meal from the Charleston Market (regular meals).

So, with all of this in mind, I, with the help of an alumnus who wishes to remain unnamed (not Ray or Ben, scrupulous reader), devised a challenge; a challenge the likes of which have never been seen, at least in the time that either of us have/had been here (spanning the past six years).

The administration claims that our food is of standard quality and competitively priced. Words and statistics can be misleading. Stomachs cannot.

I challenge President Williamson, Mr. Creveling and Dean Edman–and any other college employee willing to submit themselves–to eat on campus regularly–at least two meals a day–for the period of one month, documenting the amount of money spent on what item each day and any thoughts after eating on-campus for that month.

I would say three meals, but these people have families. That, and I'm no sadist.

Many faculty members eat lunch in the TUB on Wednesday because of Faculty Forum–this sudden and irregular exposure to campus dining is insufficient to properly show the financial and physical stress it puts on the student body. Again, you may choose either interpretation of "student body" there. I love English.

My and my cohort's reasoning behind the month-long trial instead of a week is this: Dining Services could decide to raise the quality for the food in order to hinder a week-long trial, but it cannot possibly–at least within my mind–keep up the high quality for a month. If it does, well, students will have enjoyed the best month of college dining they probably ever will.

Each member of the food people who accepts this offer is allowed a budget of $246.25, 25 days of food using Dining Services' $9.85/day estimate. The trial will start November 1 and conclude November 30. Every day counts–including Saturdays and Sundays. We'll give you a break during Thanksgiving vacation since no one will be here to serve you.

This challenge provides the administration with the opportunity to prove to students that on-campus dining is the of value and quality which it purports it to be.

Interested parties should contact *The Holcad* for more information.

Colin is a senior computer science major with a penchant for journalism.

YPS should not be the source of all criticism, still a valid discussion point

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Perhaps a bit of clarification is in order. Three weeks ago, I wrote an opinion column discussing my aggravation with the diversity battle, as based upon YPS.

Please take a moment to reflect on the last sentence, and note the specifics. I do not say that I am tired of the diversity battle, nor do I speak of the administration's floundering in the clarity department in regards to YPS.

I would also like to note my audience for the piece. I was not taking on Ben Nelson and Ray Walling, nor were they the basis of my article. I was not calling the administration to change. I was speaking an opinion that is concurrent with the opinions of much of the campus community, students and faculty alike.

I was not saying that I feel that students should accept what they are given at face value. Westminster has a long tradition of giving us just enough of what we want to quiet us down, then changing things quickly without asking.

What I am saying is that with any debate, there is the possibility of beating it to death, or focusing on one aspect of it for too long. I, and many others, feel that using the YPS issue as a Swiss-Army knife for addressing all of the ills of the campus is ludicrous.

My previous column was also an extension of the silent majority's quest for peace and quiet. We know that there are problems on campus, and we would like to address them, but our interests in such matters are short-lived and nebulous.

Now that I have further muddied my own waters with a rather obtuse jaunt through my own mind, I would like to ask some questions that have been plaguing me for a few months now.

If everyone hated the inquiry program so much, why do we now have a problem with the death of the liberal arts?

I use that tool in my meditations in search of Zen. I find it far more stimulating than the tree in the forest or one hand clapping.

Another good question is:

Whenever something fails on campus, are the planners always to blame?

I lied about the Zen part, because these questions give me a headache after about ten seconds.

If everyone is to blame, then is no one to blame?

Is it possible to write a column on such a far-reaching issue without having to do another?

Bill is a senior computer information systems major. He enjoys tea, ska and cheesy science fiction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A clarification on "Beyond Tolerance to Respect and Love" : implications were possibly unclear

In the opinion piece that was in the Oct. 6 issue of the Holcad, I wrote that "even with my fundamental convictions about the fundamental equality of all human beings, I nevertheless have not yet been persuaded that homosexual behavior is nature-ordained or should be embraced uncritically by Christianity or any philosophy , everything should be questioned."

After being alerted by someone about the possible implication of what I wrote, I would like to clarify what I meant.

I did not mean that homosexuality is not or cannot be genetically influenced. I agree with Darwin that "we do not even in the least know the final cause of sexuality" (1862).

This Darwinian agnosticism means that I don't know enough and withhold conclusive judgment, even as some are thoroughly convinced that homosexuality is determined genetically and cannot be altered, while others argue that homosexuality and homosexual behavior are determined essentially by nature or unaffected by extra-natural forces.

Possessing no certainty of my own, I am open to all positions on this issue; the wealth of literature and arguments by various people have led me thus far to a learned ignorance. My best guess is that there are both genetic and extra-genetic dimensions to homosexuality.

Even if Darwin is correct that "the whole subject is hidden in darkness," the larger point I made still stands, viz., 1) my plea for the fundamental equality of all human beings and 2) my entreaty for everyone to aspire to or practice mutual respect and love.

Dr. Na
Associate Professor of Religion

Outside of Amish Paradise: A Culture of Honors

"An interviewer recently focused on a specific portion of my resume: my honors thesis. The interviewer had never heard of Westminster College, but was very impressed with the program. The pattern repeated in subsequent rounds of interviews. Upon making a job offer, a recruiter asked me if there were any other Honors students with similar research that I could recommend to the company." -- Ben Nelson (New York, NY)

We last heard about the new Honors Program during an open meeting held on April 12th, 2006. ASC/CDC unveiled an ambitious joint proposal that represented a step in the right direction for the College and a major victory for academics (kudos to the committees!).

The proposed Honors Program included faculty stipends, designated scholarships, a student organization, a new selection system, and a new curriculum.

Little exists yet in the way of promotional materials, but the program is new and that should come in due time. The program as structured would have required significant funding to attract students from across the country.

We raised the funding concern in April and were assured that it would fall into place shortly thereafter. ASC/CDC explained that Vance Scholarships would be given solely to students who met the new criteria and stayed in the Honors Program.

We were elated with the administration's generous offer, but it turns out that our surprise may have been justified.

If you visit the financial aid website, you will see the following sentence under the Vance Honors Scholarship: "The student has the option of participating in the four-year Honors Program."

The source of this policy shift is unclear, but previous articles suggest that the administration may have a history of undercutting ambitious proposals (ex. Jacquelyn Selznick, *Holcad*, 10/13/2000).

This addition creates perverse incentives, such as the ability to drop Honors without losing funding, and could exacerbate the recruiting situation. Should we really encourage adverse selection among our future Honors students?

Let's put academics first. Investing in intellectual capital will yield sizeable dividends for the College.

It would be nice if the "first and best opportunity to attend Westminster" was offered to Honors students (please note that this quotation, given by President Williamson about the goal of the YPS program, has been amended and the old version can be seen at http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://westminster.edu).

Ben Nelson and Ray C. Walling
Class of 2006

Students need to drop stylistic prejudice

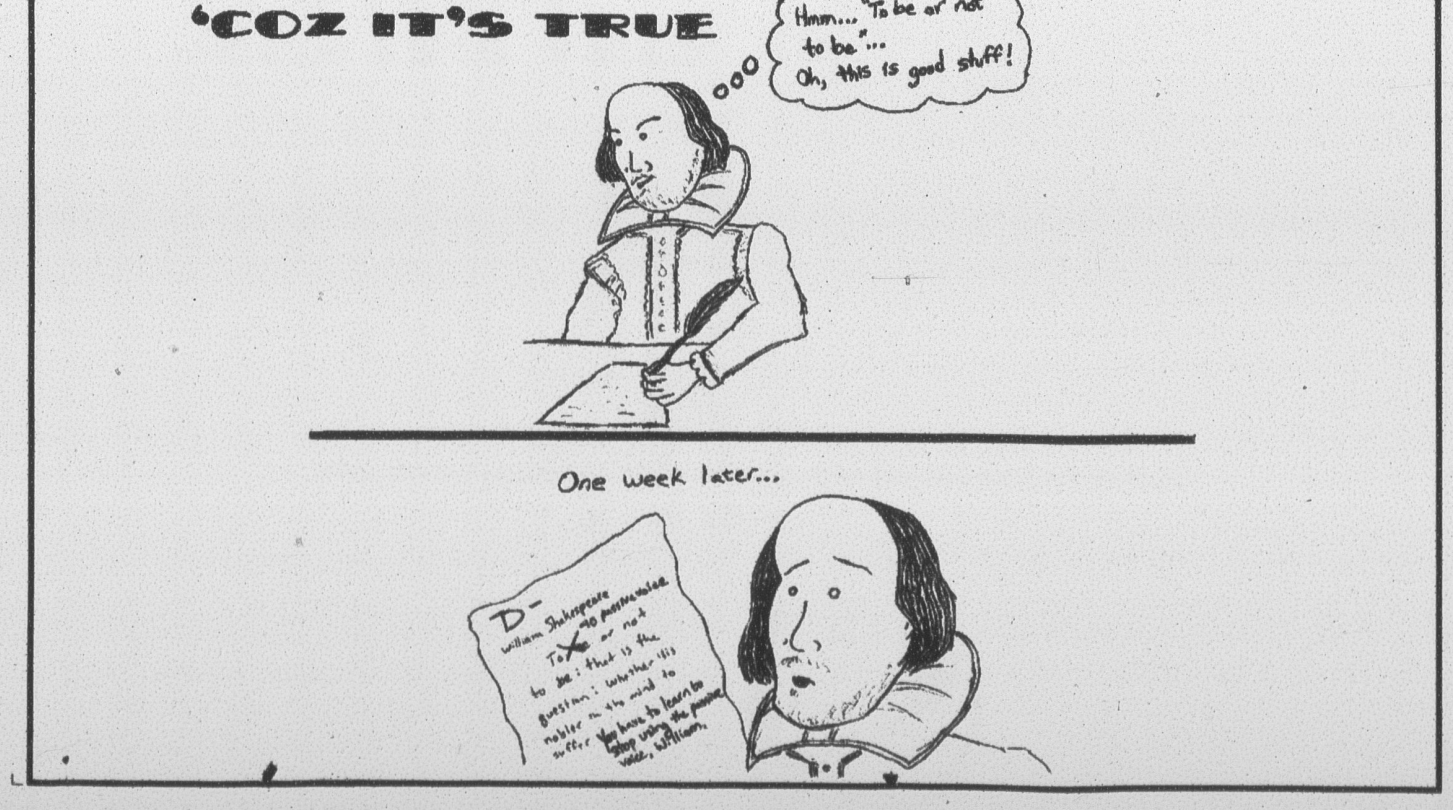
After reading, "Can't force a square peg into a round hole," I was outraged by the ignorant assumptions. However, before jumping to any conclusions, I received feedback from students. Her so called portrayal of the student body is disparaging. Does the author know for a fact that the "beer pong champ" is failing economics, or the "so put together girl" is falling apart over some guy? Making statements that put stigmas on the student body gives people, especially freshmen, the wrong ideas of students they do not know. Changing or terminating the stigmas of certain people on campus is something students are fighting to change. Instead of wasting energy on condemning those who wear the "oh so stylish" jeans, maybe one could use that energy for a positive cause that would make a difference on campus.

Students are finding ways to better campus and the student body. Alpha Gamma Delta has increased their overall G.P.A. ranking from lowest to the second highest. Zeta Tau Alpha has raised thousands of dollars for charity. Habitat for Humanity travels over the community building houses for less fortunate families and bringing them together under one roof. These are just some of the good deeds done by young college students in today's world. However, some people choose to write articles on how students conform to fashions today and ruin their lives. I wonder which articles will make a difference.

Students at Westminster, Penn State, and other colleges over the world will live their lives and make decisions. Part of living the college life is becoming who YOU want to be, and learning from one's own experiences. If the "beer pong champ" fails out of economics, whose to criticize him? It was his decision to spend his evenings partying instead of studying. After realizing the failing grade has consequences, it is his choice to decide to study more and party less. Everyone is equal in today's world. One person cannot judge another on how they live their life. Someone will disagree with something you do or do not do. It is life!

Judging someone because of a certain type of clothing or a particular style is ill-mannered. The author states, "We are all the same whether underneath the polished exteriors or eyeliner and pointed heels or bare faces and comfortable clogs, but most will never bother to look past those things to make that realization." Hypocritical?

Megan Harding
Sophomore



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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Firefighter exposes self at Steelers game

Pittsburgh Fire Bureau expresses embarrassment

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A firefighter accused of exposing himself at a Pittsburgh Steelers football game and fighting with security guards and police has been suspended without pay, a top fire official said.

Martin W. Sanders, 39, of Pittsburgh, was arraigned Monday in Municipal Court on charges of simple and aggravated assault, as well as indecent exposure, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

A lieutenant in the Pittsburgh Fire Bureau, Sanders is accused of exposing himself to women Sunday at a concession stand at Heinz Field and then fighting with security guards and police.

Sanders was scheduled to work a 12-hour shift Sunday but called in sick before the 1 p.m. game, Pittsburgh Fire Bureau Chief Michael Huss said Tuesday.

"We're very disappointed about this incident," Huss told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. "It's embarrassing. And it doesn't represent the fire department as a whole."

The fire department is conducting an internal review into the matter, he said.

It could not be determined whether Sanders had an attorney Tuesday night. A woman who answered a phone number registered to M.W. Sanders and has said it belonged to Martin W. Sanders declined to comment Tuesday evening.

Gaming task force impressed with Isle of Capri

Casino plan promises to build new arena for Pittsburgh Penguins

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The city's gaming task force on Thursday said a casino plan that promises a new arena for the Penguins is the strongest it has evaluated so far, but stopped short of officially endorsing the proposal.

The Pittsburgh Gaming Task Force said Biloxi, Miss.-based Isle of Capri presented a better business model than two other casino operators competing for a slots license, Forest City Enterprises and PITG Gaming LLC.

Isle of Capri has said it will pay $290 million for a new arena and contribute to economic development in the lower Hill District if it gets the license.

"When we consider what is the best casino for Pittsburgh, and in the larger context what is the best deal for Pittsburgh, the Isle of Capri plan is the strongest," the task force said in a letter to the state Gaming Control Board. "We give them an unqualified positive evaluation of their plan to date."

The group said Isle of Capri's proposal "demonstrates excellent use of its site, exceptional design and urban planning, a comprehensive traffic plan, a commitment to a new arena and a solid casino operator who will work with the local community."

But the task force declined to formally back the proposal because the Gaming Control Board's selection process is continuing through the end of the year, and it hopes other applicants will revise their plans before then.

"It's up to the Gaming Control board to make sure the other proposals come up to snuff as well," Anne J. Swager, co-chair of the task force, said at a news conference.

Ronald D. Porter, also a task force co-chair, said Isle of Capri's "community giveback is significantly more than it is with the others," and that other candidates might be reviewed more positively if they follow Isle of Capri's example.

"So we're hoping that the bar has been raised," he said.

Forest City Enterprises, which is teaming with Harrah's Entertainment Inc., failed to provide details about its plan, preventing the task force from making any positive assessment, he said.

The task force praised the proposal by PITG Gaming LLC, which wants to build a $460 million slots parlor west of where the Steelers and Pirates play, but said it was concerned about heavy traffic in the area.

INTERNATIONAL

Chilean students protest country's education law

Police disperse streets after one-day strike against president, government

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - Police used water cannons to disperse hundreds of high school students who took to the streets Wednesday demanding that President Michelle Bachelet speed up promised reforms to Chile's dictatorship-era education law.

High school students declared a one-day national strike and marched toward an education ministry office but were repeatedly blocked by police. The marchers fought running battles with the officers, throwing rocks that damaged several vehicles.

"These marches are a warning to the government," said Max Mellado, one of the leaders of the movement.

The strike appeared to have ample support Wednesday, but the protests were smaller and less organized than those in May and June that shook Bachelet's leftist government.

Those protests, joined by up to 700,000 students, ended only after Bachelet agreed to meet most of the students' demands, including eliminating a fee for a college entry exam for 167,000 students and providing school meals to 200,000.

Bachelet also appointed an advisory panel with 72 members, including students, to review the education law created by the 1973-1990 dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Students have grown inpatient with what they consider slow progress toward changing the law. The panel "is good for nothing," Mellado said.

Bachelet was in Germany on an official visit Wednesday but Education Minister Yasna Provoste said the latest protests are unjustified since the government has done virtually everything it promised the students.

The students also demanded public apologies from authorities after police forcibly removed students who had taken over several schools in Santiago as part of their renewed protest movement.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Signs of Road Construction

A few rogue construction barriers are all that remain as road work on U.S. Route 19 in Scott Township and Harlansburg has now wrapped up. Work crews dredged ditches and expanded the shoulders along that stretch of road. Crews also paved parts of the berm to widen the highway in places.

Meanwhile a major PennDot construction effort continues in Mercer County on the Route 208 and I-79 Project in Grove City. Construction there will continue for another year. It's part of a $93-million dollar highway improvement project designed to help relieve traffic congestion at the outlet mall and I-79 interchange on State Route 208. Drivers in both directions of I-79 have been sharing the northbound lanes during reconstruction work.

Cracking Down on Underage Drinking by Targeting Adults

New Wilmington's police department is taking an active role in cracking down on underage drinking by investigating a Wilmington High student who went to school drunk. Police say a New Castle couple heads to court on Wednesday on charges they provided a 16-year old with alcohol.

Borough police say they also took part in the investigation of a 54-year old New Wilmington man now facing charges in a separate case. They say that man provided beer and vodka to another teenager at a party earlier this year. That man will go to court in November.

State Lawmakers Approve Changes to Gambling Law

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives wants to make sure there are no conflicts between elected officials or state employees and those people who will own casinos. The House has approved changes the state's two-year-old slot-machine gambling law preventing Pennsylvania employees or elected officials from having any stakes in casinos that will open in the state. The House's proposal would also allow state gambling regulators to decide how casinos will be built bigfooting local zoning laws.

NATIONAL

Teacher in trouble after "drunk goggles" incident

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - A high school teacher's practice of having students wear goggles that simulate the effects of alcohol was an accident waiting to happen, a state appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The District 2 Court of Appeals upheld a jury award to Lisa Voss, whose teeth were knocked out after she tripped and hit her mouth on a desk while she was wearing the "fatal vision goggles."

The court rejected the Elkhorn Area School District's claim that it was immune from liability for the injuries, saying the teacher's exercise created a hazardous situation.

An Elkhorn Senior High School health teacher had used the goggles for a few years to illustrate the dangers of drunken driving. The goggles provide the same feeling as a .10 blood alcohol concentration, which was the state's legal limit at the time.

Students wearing the goggles would perform exercises such as walking in a straight line, shooting a ball at a garbage can and standing on one leg. Students often lost their balance, slipped or stumbled, the court noted.

In another exercise, the teacher would have students go in between rows of desks to get a tennis ball. Voss, a ninth-grader in 2002, was doing this when she tripped over the leg of a desk and hit her mouth on the top of it, knocking out a tooth and fracturing three others, the court said.

Voss and her parents sued the district claiming negligence. After a trial, the school district was ordered to pay a total of $28,000, online court records show.

Political Pong: The Senate Race

In just a few short weeks, Pennsylvanians will elect a governor and a senator. In the interest of the election, Carsen and I have decided to discuss the Senate race this week and the gubernatorial (your 50 cent word of the day) race next week.

Pennsylvania Democrats have not had a lot to cheer about in the senator column for a long time, but perk up fellow Democrats because this year there's a chance that we won't lose the Senate race. Actually, let's get honest for a minute. We're talking about a race (or lack thereof) between Bob Casey and Rick Santorum. The latest polls show that Casey leads Santorum 49% to 39%.

Comparable to other Pennsylvania elections, this one has had its fair share of mud slinging. As intelligent college students though, we know that it's not the mud slinging that should determine whom we vote for. So let's get down to business and take a look at Casey's platform.

Atop the issues that Casey cares about is the economy. He believes that the government should return to fiscal responsibility similar to that of the 1990s. Instead of giving tax cuts to the wealthy, he suggests that they be given to the middle class. Skeptical of the 'trickle down' economic theory, he believes the economy will be stimulated to the highest degree possible if the middle class has more money to spend.

Another economic policy Casey supports is the reduction of the national deficit. A large national deficit causes Americans to be dependent on foreign countries for money. If the deficit is allowed to increase, the burden on Americans to pay it off will also increase. Creating a sound economy will improve trade with other countries, which will be beneficial to the United States and its citizens.

Steve Ruperto

Political Pong, blue team

As for civil rights, Casey opposes same sex marriages. However, he does not believe that creating a constitutional amendment against it would be a good course of action. Casey supports civil unions for same sex couples, which guarantee and protect the rights of those citizens just as though they were married. In simpler terms, Casey supports marriage as a religious institution and civil unions as a political institution.

As far as some of the basic hot button issues go, Casey is for the death penalty and would not try to eliminate it. He is also against abortion except for extreme cases where the mother's life is in danger or she was raped. Gun lovers, you will be happy to know that Casey does not believe there needs to be any more regulation of gun ownership. He supports affirmative action to try to create a "diverse workplace". In addition to these stances, he is also opposed to the legalization of drugs that are illegal now. One last issue that is quite relevant is public education. Casey wants to increase spending on public education and help ease the burden on parents when it comes time to send their children to college.

From what you have read about Casey's views here, it is safe to say that Casey could be defined as a moderate Democrat. With President Bush's approval rating being so low, Democrats are jumping on the chance to take America 'in a different direction'. Polls are showing that the Democrats will most likely pick up seats in the Senate and the House and may even obtain enough to have a majority.

Back at the beginning of the article, I joked about how there was little competition between Casey and Santorum; however, the Casey v. Santorum race has been designated as one of the biggest races in the nation. It is important for Republicans because Santorum is an up-and-coming leader in the party and for the Democrats because it is a chance to get a Senate seat that for many years has been held by the Republicans. Remember that Senators win terms of 6 years, so whether you're for Casey or Santorum, vote on November 7.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

So you go to college in the state of Pennsylvania. Whether or not you're a resident of the state and can vote here (kids not from PA represent!), you've got people representing your college on a state and national level that are up for re-election in November. You may not know who they are. In fact, I'm betting most of you don't much care. But it's kind of important. So, Steve and I will give you a quick overview this week and next on the senator and governor hoping to represent the Dub-C for the next few years and what they're all about. If you can vote here, vote, or I'll personally kick your ass. Get that absentee ballot now. And then while you're quietly pondering which box to fill in (please mark it according to the directions; no repeat Florida, thanks) read up on our buddy U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, the incumbent Republican.

Senator Santorum prides himself on the protection of the sanctity of marriage; he believes marriage means vows between one man and one woman. He supports constitutional amendments on the state and national level strictly defining marriage. He's not quiet about it, either. He's secured federal funding for programs promoting responsible fatherhood. Married couples trying to adopt would get additional tax credit if it were up to Santorum. Minimum wage increases and tax credits for working families are both supported by the Pennsylvania Senator.

Carsen Nesbitt

Political Pong, red team

Feeling strongly pro-life? Santorum's your guy. It would only make sense for a guy who is such a proponent of traditional family and adoption to be pro-life. Santorum would love more funding for abstinence programs. He's against embryonic stem cell research and cloning, calling it "the destruction of human life." The Morning After Pill is absolutely not cool in his book. The senator votes against programs promoting abortion, forced sterilization, and other coercive population control practices.

Immigration your fancy? Santorum would not grant amnesty to illegal immigrants, and he also loves that fence along the southern border of the country. He wants to protect legal immigrants to the U.S. and supports a temporary worker program so the government knows who is inside the borders.

Senator is also gung-ho about sportsmen. He sponsored an act that would no longer require states to collect Social Security numbers for recreational licenses. He also opposed the Assault Weapons Ban, saying stronger enforcement of current laws would be more effective. Water and forest conservation is also important to Santorum, and he has sponsored several pieces of legislation protecting those areas.

So all this is great, you're thinking. National issues I don't care about. I'm at Westminster. I don't think immigration will directly affect me anytime soon. Well, you're wrong – it will. But I know what you're saying. Locally, Santorum secured significant funding for several local Volunteer Fire Companies. He helped the City of New Castle Police Department get better technology (it's good for the general public; I'm sorry about your "drunk in public" citation). And he also helped good old Westminster get money for technology upgrades, computers and community programs at the library. Sweet guy, don't you think?

Santorum is a great example of a conservative being conservative on super conservative issues. No questions on where he stands. He is currently behind in the polls, but he filled in what once was a very large gap in recent weeks. If you feel strongly about any of these or other generally conservative issues, Santorum is absolutely your guy. If you just can't stand Bob Casey, Jr., Santorum's your guy too. But most importantly, make a decision and vote.

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Campus News

Award-winning Argo officially dedicated

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

The 2005-2006 edition of the Argo was officially dedicated on Mon., Oct. 9 in the Witherspoon Room by the yearbook editors.

During the dedication, last year's Assistant Editor-in-Chief Courtney Turek revealed the student dedicatee, the faculty member of the year and the title and theme of the yearbook. Also, the 2006 edition of the yearbook was honored with an award from the Argo's publisher.

The yearbook was dedicated to Ron Bake. He was a member of the class of 2006 before he was seriously injured in a car accident during the fall of 2004. Bake then suffered a coma and has not been able to rejoin the college community. Currently, he is recovering in Erie.

Dr. David Goldberg was named the faculty member of the year. According to the dedication in the back of the yearbook, Goldberg was selected by the members of the class of 2006 based on "his wealth of knowledge and his extraordinary ability to connect to the students."

"I took only one of his classes, but through that course, I developed a great respect for him; in fact, I took the course twice more as an intern," Courtney Turek said. "Years from now, I know that I will still think of him as one of the greatest professors I had at Westminster."

Turek then revealed the title and theme of the 2006 Argo, which is "Striving to be Outside the Box."

According to Turek, the yearbook features a more contemporary, modern style. The yearbook is set up in a magazine-type format that contains more mod features such as lists, polls and quotes.

A representative from Jones Yearbooks, the Argo's publisher, was also in attendance at the dedication to present the editors with the "Showcase Award."

The award distinguishes the 2006 Argo as a "book of excellent quality." As a result of this honor, copies of the 2006 Argo will be distributed to representatives of Jones Yearbooks and will be showcased at conventions and to other yearbook staffs as an example of a quality publication.

New Castle native speaks on diversity

By Amanda Conway
Campus writer

The Office of Diversity Services sponsored a workshop featuring Brian Johnson in the Berlin Student Lounge on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Johnson, a professor at Susquehanna University, talked to students about what diversity is and why it is important.

"I can't be the best me that I can be if you aren't the best you that you can be," he said.

Johnson is the special assistant to the president for diversity services at the university.

As a trainer with the National Coalition Building Institute, he instructs people of different cultures and nationalities about diversity.

His workshop entitled "Who am I and What is it to You?" showed students how everyone is diverse from one another.

Johnson stressed the importance of understanding one another in order to fully respect one another.

Students participated in several activities sharing what their most important characteristic was and why it was important to them.

Some of the different characteristics were race, sex, education, religion and pet peeves.

Johnson, originally from New Castle, also discussed the different ways that people can be diverse from one another.

There are differences in values, expressions, race, religion, sexuality and intelligence.

"I'm really happy that I decided to come to the workshop," sophomore Gwen Gorski said. "He was so energetic about what he was talking about and really showed us why diversity is such an important topic on campus."

Jeanette Hooks of the Office of Diversity Services on campus said that there is four-percent diversity on campus, a percent that needed to be understood and respected.

"Life lesson: learn to love yourself, 'cause no one can take that away from you,'" Johnson said.

For more information on Johnson, visit the Office of Diversity Studies or mannaunlimited.com

Students, professors attend neuroscience conference

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

Dr. Alan Gittis and Dr. David Goldberg took six students to Atlanta over the fall break to attend a world wide neuroscience conference hosted by the Society for Neuroscience.

The six Westminster College students and two professors made up a small portion of the approximately 26,000 spectators in attendance at the conference.

The conference focused on six themes: development, cellular mechanisms, sensory and motor systems, homeostatic and neuroendocrine systems, cognition and behavior, and disorders of the nervous system.

"The annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience provides the foremost venue for neuroscientists from around the world to gather and share new ideas, present the latest research, and network with their peers," the General Information Final Program for the weekend explained.

The students left Pittsburgh International Airport at 11:30 on Friday the 13th and attended presentations Sat. through Tues. conducted by undergraduate, graduate, and world-renowned specialists.

Most of the students got up early and took a 9:30 shuttle to the Atlanta airport from which they took the metro into the Downtown metropolis and walked a short distance to the World Congress Center, where they attended the convention.

Presentations usually lasted until 6:00 and the students could attend social meetings organized by the Society for Neuroscience or discover Atlanta.

"Once presentations ceased for the day," explained senior Dan Wren, "we had opportunities to gallavant in Atlanta enjoying everything from jazz clubs and the nearby aquarium, to witnessing a group of people performing the Brazilian martial art of Capoeira."

Two Westminster students received the privilege to present an experiment conducted by Dr. Gittis and a previous undergraduate student.

Sophomores Veronica Geretz and David Mills presented a poster pertaining to memory and rat performance in a radio maze, which revealed that residency and probability of reward-affected spatial memory in rats.

"Presenting at the Faculty for Undergraduates in Neuroscience meeting was stupefying, to say the leas," said Geretz.

"There were students with unbelievable amounts of knowledge and passion in their particular area of research. To see students just two years my senior with the caliber demonstrated reminded me that I (as well as most students) am definitely capable of conducting innovative studies; studies that academics as prestigious as Vilayanur Ramachandran (the director of the Center for Brain and Cognition, who was in attendance) would be intrigued by."

YPS defined

By Kathryn Zetzer
Campus writer

The students who participate in the Young Presbyterian Scholars program spend their academic career at our college celebrating their spiritual heritage and bringing diversity to campus life.

YPS has 39 freshman students from 21 different states this year. Pastors from all over the nation are aware of the scholarship and nominate their best for this program. The rigorous application process stresses academic superiority as well as an emphasis on dedication and active involvement in the Presbyterian Church. The geographic diversity speaks to the success of the program.

"I live in New Jersey, and if it had not been for YPS, I would not be attending Westminster College," sophomore Sarah Filson said. "YPS has been a great program that advocates for Christian fellowship time and discussions. This year, we are getting more involved by having a discussion group every month as compared to every so often last year. I really feel that the discussion groups are a great way of learning more about the denomination and learning about each other. Having these groups more frequently will help people connect more with the group overall and create better friendships. YPS is a great attribute to this campus."

The program focuses on personal development, growth in leadership and academic accomplishment as well as a spiritual relationship with God.

"YPS provides a way to help students continue within the Presbyterian Church and as aspiring leaders, so when they leave the college, they are ready to continue being leaders in the church," YPS coordinator Carey Anne Meyer-LaSor said.

The program seeks to include the most well-rounded students as participants and as a result the commitment to competence distinguishes the participants as future leaders in the Presbyterian Church, as well as citizens and as an integral part of our student body.

The YPS organization was created over 150 years ago, and our campus affiliation with the program has been steady since that time.

"Our campus is our mission field," college chaplain Jim Mohr said.

In 2002, a review and recommitment to the program resulted in an affirmation that Christian values and scholarship are worthy of continued advancement here.

SGA NOTES

SGA Minutes 10-12-06

- Dance Team will be requesting money next meeting.

- Still working on health hours problem, and also working on the possibility of getting soap in the boys' dormitories.

- FAC met, Sodexho is working with Cans Across America to break Guiness record of amount of cans collected-please bring in cans. The TUB will be getting real tea instead of just hot water.

- The following students won gift certificates on SGA Day: Jessie Dvorzak, Graham Cox-Holmes, Sarah Calderone, Will Delai, Seth Senior, and Beth South.

- Brittany Rosko was voted as the new junior senator, and Emily Staniszewski is the new senior senator.

- 7 people opposed the motion to vote to end discussion on the Diversity resolution.

- The Diversity resolution passed, with 5 people opposed.

- The Senate voted on Joselyn Parker as Diversity Chair

- Alicia Caruso was voted as new parliamentarian.

10-19-06 - No Meeting

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Campus News

From game room to study lounge

Room to provide peace and quiet in Eichenauer

By Rachel Burkot
Campus Writer

The game room on the north side of the second floor in Eichenauer Hall will be converted into a study lounge by the end of the semester.

Eichenauer, the upper-class men's dormitory on campus, currently does not have specific rooms for studying. The change is being made largely because of student interest, according to assistant director of residence life Matt Shaffer.

"I assume the new study lounge will be used by many students," Shaffer said. "The second floor is probably a good choice, since there are laundry facilities located on that floor, too. Students can study while they do their laundry."

This room was originally a study room and then was later turned into a game room with a ping-pong table. Now it is being changed back into a study room because of the lack of adequate study space in the building and also because of students' requests to change it back, according to Shaffer.

Right now, students who wish to study outside of their room without leaving the building have to use the common areas, which can get noisy from other students using them to socialize.

There will not be a replacement for the game room, but the lobby and other common areas can be used for fellowship, according to Shaffer.

"I think the study lounge is a good idea," sophomore and resident of Eichenauer Brett Hoover said. "Right now there is no place in the building outside of your room to study, and many students do not want to walk all the way across campus to the library."

Although he uses the library now, Hoover said he plans to use the lounge once it is finished, since it will be conveniently located in his dorm building. Hoover also said that he believes that many students will take advantage of this convenience as well.

The change is already underway, according to Shaffer. The ping-pong table has been removed, and furniture in the room has been relocated. Orders have been put in for tables, which should be in within six weeks.

Students are not waiting for it to be an official study lounge, however. Senior resident assistant on the first floor in Eichenauer, Kevin Oshnock, has observed students using the room already.

"On all three of my pre-midnight rounds the other night, there were guys using the lounge," Oshnock said. "One time, there were guys and girls in there together working on a group project from the looks of it, so it seems like the lounge is already working out."

Shaffer said that the study room at least should be finished in time for finals.

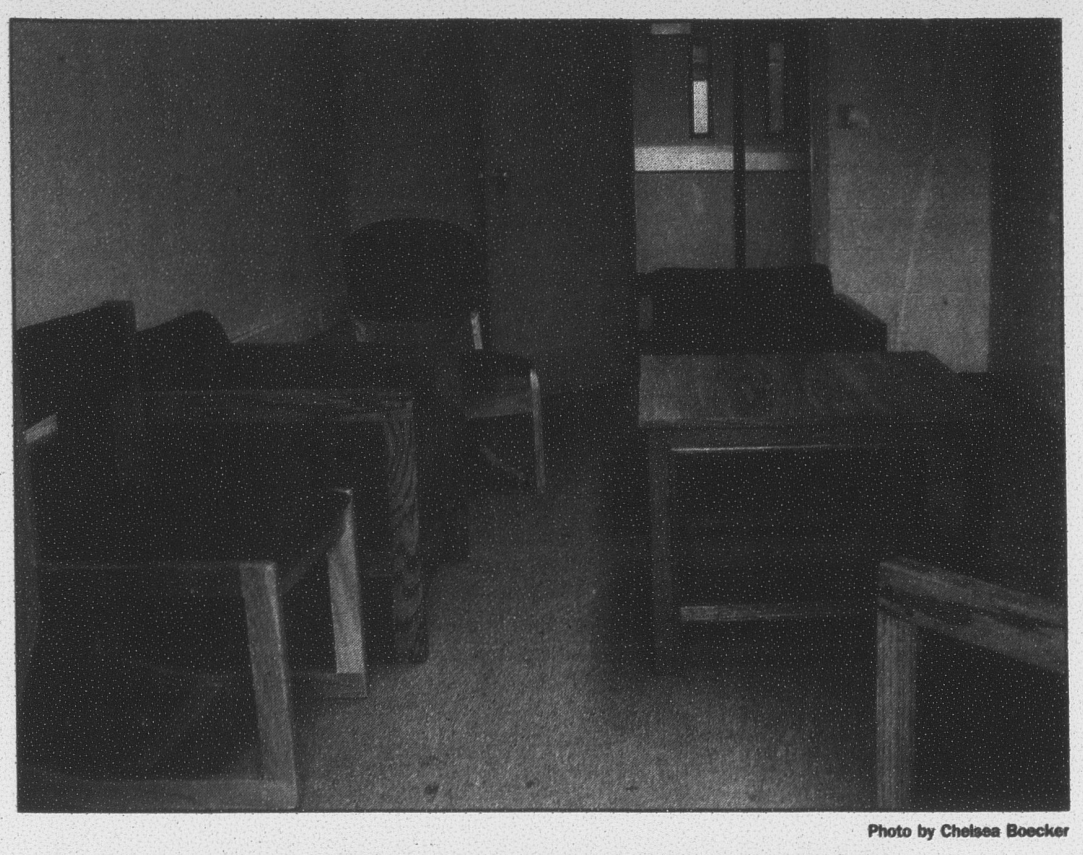

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

The new study lounge in Eichenauer Hall should be ready in time for finals.

Stars align in New Castle

Actor, film called Lawrence County home

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

If "all the world is a stage," then Lawrence county has produced key images that have made their way into paranormal film stardom where upon these images have thrust their hour.

Before Robert Sterling achieved significant fame through his television series, "Topper," he walked his native New Castle streets wherefrom he was born Nov. 13, 1917 as William Hart.

Sterling's career swelled to its peak in the 1940s and 1950s as he demonstrated his acting flexibility in romantic roles like "Two-Faced Woman," wherein he co-starred with Greta Barbo, and "The Penalty," in which he co-starred with Lionel Barrymore.

"Toppers" ran on television from 1953-1956 and followed a joyful couple, George Kerby and Marion Kerby, after they died in an accident, returned as ghosts, and haunt the new residents who live in their old home. Stearling played George Kerby and his wife, Anne Jefferys, played Marion Kerby.

Sterling left acting, then entered the computer industry at its early stages and lived at his home in Los Angeles until May 2006 when he died at age 88.

Pittsburgh filmmaker, George A. Romero created the zombie-movie archetype and filmed his 1985 B-movie, "Day of the Dead," in Lawrence County.

In the 3.5 million dollar, low-budget movie, military officers and scientists hide from zombie invasion in an underground bunker. Romero decided that the Wampum Mines, just south of New Castle, would prove a perfect setting for the film.

While the film produced little original revenue, "Day of the Dead"–along with other Romero films like "Night of the Living Dead," "Dawn of the Dead," and "Land of the Dead"–won an underground cult following which launched Romero and his movies into eventual fame and fortune.

Out of all Romero films, many deem "Day of the Dead" the scariest because Romero depicted zombies mutilating humans.

"'Day of the Dead' was important for serious zombie movies because for the first time ever it portrayed zombies with the ability to reason and show signs of consciousness," explained Romero-enthusiast, senior Steven Kokal.

Westminster alum returns to campus to share published works

By Katie Chandley
Staff Writer

Awarding-winning poet and 1967 graduate Jack Ridl spoke to students yesterday at the Bleasby Colloquium in Mueller Theater. Ridl's name may ring familiar with many; his father was a Westminster basketball coach and name sake of Buzz Ridl Gymnasium.

But Jack Ridl has made his own list of accomplishments which include a new collection of original poetry entitled *Broken Symmetry*. The mathematical themes that separate the chapters showcase Ridl's desire to connect these worlds of words and numbers. *Broken Symmetry* deals with the universal human experience and draws attention to what is often overlooked.

Ridl's poetry may often reflect his love of sports, but also his close connection to the circus world. Ridl spent time on both the basketball court and baseball diamond, but also with his cousin who was a circus worker.

Dr. James Perkins, professor of English, praises Ridl's "blue collar" approach to poetry. "He gets up every day, grabs his lunch bucket and heads off toward the word mine." Junior English major Julie Tvaruzek agrees that Ridl's has a very natural tendency with his poetry and that it is in no way forced.

"Reading his poetry felt like he had sat down in his house and written a poem…he gives you an image and you think what you want about it."

Tvaruzek was especially excited to learn that Ridl had written a particular poem about Dr. Perkins. It contains the lines "he was tired of the way the rain fell, down. There had to be some way to deal with this."

Ridl is currently working a new collection of poems entitled *Outside the Center Ring*. He was gracious enough to share some these poems and others from *Broken Symmetry* at last night's Bleasby. Ridl currently teaches at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and was named "Michigan Professor of the Year" in 1996. He has published over 300 poems in more than 60 literary magazines.

Ridl has taught at Hope College for the past 36 years and has also established its Visiting Writers Series. In 1975 and 1986 he was chosen by graduating seniors to be the commencement speaker, and the student body selected him as "Favorite Professor in 2003." More than 40 of his former students have gone on for masters degrees and many have been published nationally.

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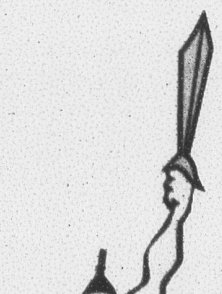

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"Cans Across America" helps in fight against hunger

By Ashley Campolongo
Campus Writer

The Sodexho foundation contributed in the fight against hunger by launching a world record food drive covering over 400 college campuses across the U.S.

Cans were collected in hopes to break a Guinness world record on Wed., Oct. 18th, but more importantly feed those in need. One of the most disturbing aspects of life in this country is the persistence of hunger. According to a study completed by The Nation's Food Bank Network in 2004, 38.2 million people lived in food -insecure households, including 139 million children.

"Cans across America" provided a great opportunity for students and faculty here on campus to take part in the fight against hunger. While proactively fighting hunger, the Sodexho foundation also attempted to break the Guinness world record for the largest food drive by a non charitable organization in a 24 hour period. The current world record is 156,889.34 pounds, but the Sodexho foundation goal was to collect more than 200,000 pounds, surpassing the record. The Sodexho foundation set a goal of five hundred pounds for each campus involved in the non charitable food drive. Some local campuses that participated in the food drive included Allegheny College, Hyram College, The University of Pittsburgh, Juniata College, and Youngstown State.

Students and faculty members on campus supported the non-charitable food drive. One of many cheerful McGuiness faculty members, Elaine Novosel was enthusiastic about the drive. "I think the idea "Cans across America" is a great way to help those in need," said Novosel.

Jeff Creveling, director of dinning services, thought the drive was a wonderful way to promote student awareness and involvement on the crisis of hunger. "The idea behind the world record is not just about breaking it, it is more about feeding people while getting the students involved," said Creveling.

Students on campus supported the drive by donating various food items in the TUB as well as McGuiness. Senior Rachel Brown was one of many students who charitably donated. "This is truly a great cause, and I'm happy to be a part of it," said Brown.

Soon after all food was collected on campus, the results were tallied. Unfortunately the goal of five hundred pounds was not accomplished, but items were donated to the City Rescue Mission in the New Castle area. The amount of donations were logged and also reported in hopes to achieve the Guinness world record. After all participating Sodexho accounts are reported, the final result for the world record will be announced.

In the future, Sodexho hopes to work with many different organizations on campus. "We hope to work with other organizations to promote a successful campus-wide food drive in the future," said Creveling.

Photo by Amanda Miller

A sign hung in the TUB to ask students and faculty to support the can drive.

Campus News

Habitat for Humanity voted Student Organization of the Month

By Megan Hoffman
Campus writer

Members of Habitat for Humanity, September's Student Organization of the Month, came together to help those less fortunate and take time to celebrate their award.

At their meeting on Wednesday, October 11, Habitat for Humanity was awarded with a plaque and certificate to Pizza Joe's for being named the SGA's Student Organization of the Month. Along with weekly meetings, members participate in fund-raising, working one Saturday a month, and taking a work trip during spring break.

"We work on just about anything you can imagine, whether it is putting up siding, building wheel chair ramps, or even roofing," Habitat for Humanity President Laura Sahar said.

According to the school web site, Habitat for Humanity attempts to reduce below-standard housing for underprivileged people all over the world. Members also work to help families in need in the local area. Each month Habitat for Humanity partners with the Cranberry-based Hosanna Industries to work on houses in western Pennsylvania.

"This is my first year in Habitat and I feel like we are doing a lot to help the community," sophomore member Mandie Zoller said.

In addition to working on projects locally, once or twice a year members work for about a week at a different location across the United States. Past trips have included Pascagoula, Mississippi, Lynchburg, Virginia, and El Paso, Texas.

"After Senior Week last year we went down to Pascagoula, Mississippi and helped finish a house for a single mother and her three kids," Habitat for Humanity Vice President Michael Spicuzza said.

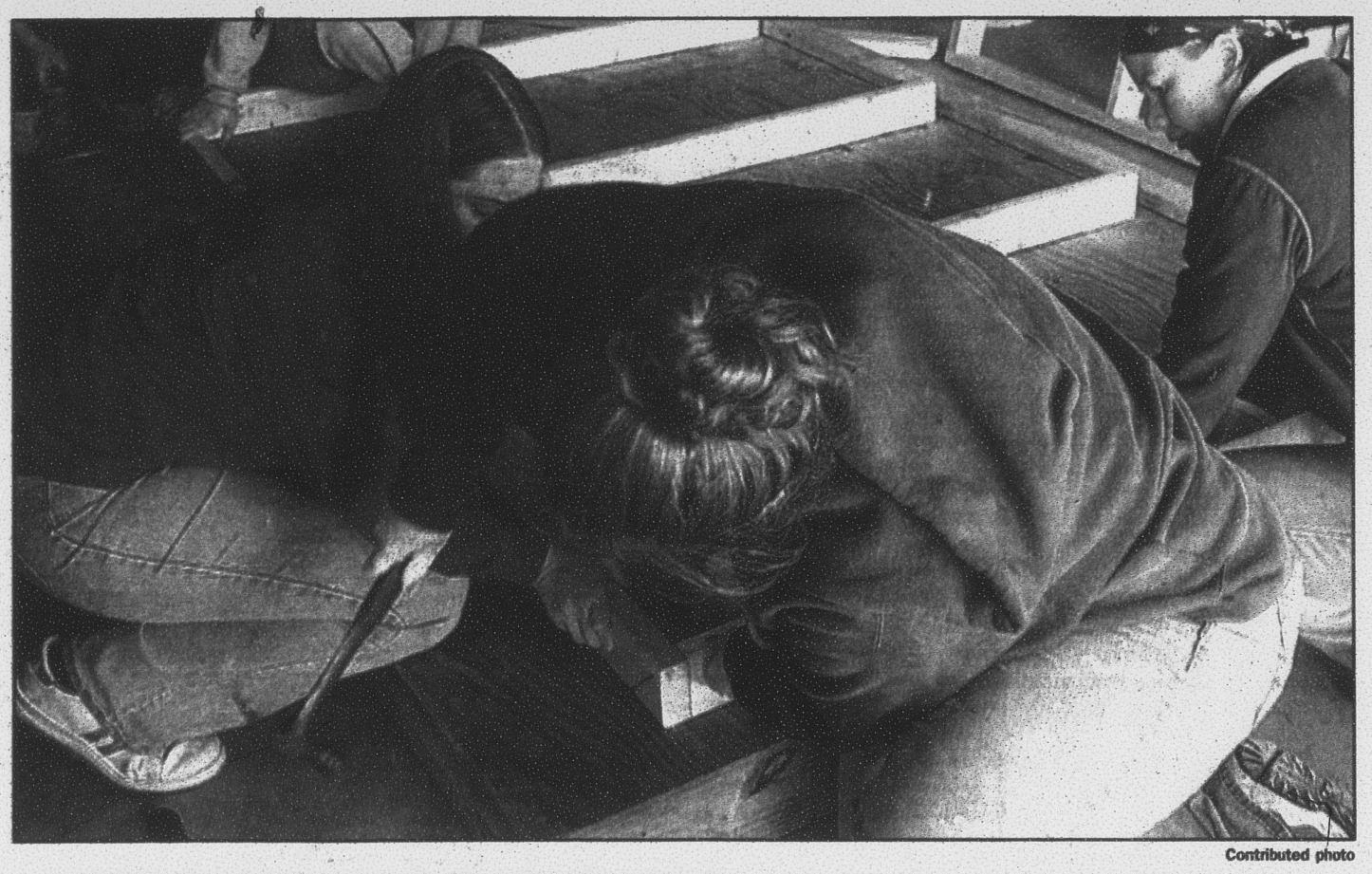
The annual spring break trip is already in the planning stages for this year, but as of now the location is undecided.

Usually the trip consists of eight to ten hours of driving per day, which is taken into consideration when the location is chosen.

Last year a group of 11 students traveled to El Paso, Texas to help a build a house right along with the family that was to live in it.

"Going to Texas was the most wonderful experience ever," sophomore member Heidi Ptacek said. "Being down there and helping to build the house really made me appreciate what I have in my life."

In order to make their efforts possible, members will be passing around cans and taking a collection at the Homecoming game on October 21. In addition, Habitat for Humanity will be raffling off a children's playhouse they built. Raffle tickets are $3 and the playhouse will be customized to the winner's choice of paint color.



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The Habitat for Humanity club is already planning its spring trip.

"Last year Habitat set a goal for building a house in a box in response to Hurricane Katrina," Habitat for Humanity advisor Reverend Jim Mohr said. "Habitat was able to raise $31,000 through the campus, alumni, and local churches' support."

Other fund-raising efforts include raking leaves for the local community and collecting donations at Christmas Vespers.

Labyrinth to be dedicated

By Caitlin Pratt
Campus writer

"If all is right within you, if you have enthusiasm, if you have curiosity, if you take it all as a great adventure, just see what you can do about it while you are here."

Sandy Edmiston admired these words of Mardy Murie, founder of the Murie Center in the Grand Tetons, where Sandy volunteered after graduating from Westminster in 2005.

A plaque featuring this quote will be placed at the entrance of the Sandy Edmiston Meditation Labyrinth during the labyrinth's dedication ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Field Station.

All are invited to the ceremony, which will feature Dr. David Swerdlow and other speakers. The dedication is expected to last a half hour. Attendees will be free to walk the labyrinth or to simply sit and visit following the ceremony.

The labyrinth consists of seven stone-lined lanes that connect into one path and end at a large clearing at the maze's center.

Sandy's friends and family donated the unique stones lining the center of the labyrinth as well as the limestone slab that welcomes visitors to rest and reflect after walking the quarter-mile long path.

Dr. Clarence Harms, director of the Field Station, is looking forward to the dedication, which marks the end of months of planning and hard work and seals the invitation for New Wilmington and the campus community to enjoy the permanent memorial to Sandy.

Harms said that the process of building the labyrinth was a "remarkable show of loving, care and sensitivity to an outstanding person." He hopes that the turn out for the dedication will be just such a show.

According to Harms, the labyrinth is just one element in a three-part memorial to Sandy. The full memorial includes a rock sculpture that is nearing completion and that triples as a butterfly garden and a bird fountain, and the recent tree-planting blitz, during which Sandy's friends and family planted 325 trees at the Field Station.

"The loss of any person at such a young age is difficult to handle, but when it comes to someone as talented and determined as Sandy, that kind of life needs to be honored," senior Sherri Breitigan said.

Harms and Sandy became fast friends when she volunteered at the Field Station and helped to plant trees and to teach children about the environment.

"[Sandy] was very special to people, to God and to the environment, and we're hoping the labyrinth will carry on that legacy," Harms said.

The Field Station is located at 937 Fayette-New Wilmington Road. The labyrinth will be open as a quiet place for reflection and meditation. For more information on the labyrinth, visit www.westminster.edu/about/environment/sandy_labyrinth.cfm.

Class of '57 to give electronic bulletin board

By Samantha Bruening
Campus writer

As part of their fiftieth year reunion class gift, the members of the class of 1957 will donate an electronic bulletin board to be located in Washbaugh Lobby of the field house next year.

The kiosk, comprised of a television screen and buttons or a keyboard, will serve as an interactive source of information concerning different topics. It will allow viewers to watch and listen to film clips, which will be edited by a multimedia company, Rising Sun Productions, based in Youngstown, Ohio. The first program that the kiosk will feature is the establishment of the campus's winning football tradition in the 1950s.

"Ideally, this project will result in a video kiosk much like you might see in a sports museum or hall of fame. The kiosk would present information on the great Titan Tradition of athletics that will be interest to alumni, fans, and prospective student athletes of Westminster College," Athletic Director Jim Dafler said.

On campus, the fiftieth anniversary of graduation is referred to as the Golden Anniversary. As part of this tradition, each reunion class raises funds for a gift that will benefit future students. The fiftieth Reunion Fundraising Committee is established for each class three years prior to its reunion. These contributions can be funded through cash, stock, or planned gifts.

The members of the Class of 1957 voted to donate the kiosk as part of their fiftieth year class gift. In addition, they plan to provide funds for the establishment of their own scholarship, as well as support the renovation of McGill Library.

"Fiftieth reunions are special events. Alumni enjoy the opportunity to support current college life and celebrate their connections with their alma mater," Director of Alumni Affairs Mary James said.

The kiosk will initially be located in the Washbaugh Lobby of the field house, but can be moved if desired. It will be ready for use when the members of the class hold their fiftieth reunion on Homecoming of 2007.

"The electronic kiosk will be a very useful and much-appreciated addition to the Athletic Department, enabling visitors to enjoy learning about the Titan athletic heritage, while also featuring news and information on the college's contemporary athletic programs and achievements," Director of Research and Foundation Relations Tom Taylor said.

Senator

Congressman addresses student concerns

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would not have chosen to go there once I knew there were no weapons of mass destruction."

He also addressed the growing nuclear threat in North Korea and spoke about the importance of bilateral communication based on his other interactions with foreign leaders such as Fidel Castro, Hugo Chavez, and Yasser Arafat.

As he meandered closely through the audience, as opposed to simply speaking from behind a podium, Specter told of his involvement as second chairman of the appropriations committee. He explained about how he works closely with Democratic Senator from Iowa, Tom Harkin to fund both healthcare and education. Specter stressed the importance of political parties working together as well as educational funding and support. He closed out his opening speech by encouraging students to remained dedicated to and continue their college educations.

"I believe that education is our best capital investment for the future," Specter said. "Also, skilled people are in high demand so make the most of your educational opportunity."

Once Specter opened up the floor for questions, a number of students and faculty took advantage of the chance to ask the senator about his views on everything from polarization of the two chief political parties to why men dominate women's reproductive rights.

One student asked about Specter's contributions to stem cell research. The senator replied that he has been involved in nineteen hearings to increase funding for stem cell research and healthcare in general. As a result, he successfully raised the funding from $12 billion to $29 billion. He admitted that he has even argued with President George Bush on the issue.

"Stem cell research can be very helpful and aught to be used," Specter said.

Another student asked him about his position on Bush's "No Child Left Behind Act." Specter replied by saying he feels that the act is not being utilized the way it should because it has been inadequately funded. However, he did feel that it has the potential to be successful if carried out properly in the future.

A question of a more current nature was asked to the senator in regard to the ever-evolving Internet and possible changes about how it is accessed. The senator admitted that situations involving Internet control are a tough issue and he hasn't officially taken a position on them yet because he is still doing research.

However, Specter emphasized that student research and involvement in those types of issues is important and he encouraged students to contact his office with input and suggestions on any issue of particular importance.

Specter concluded his visit by ultimately encouraging students to become politically involved in any way possible.

"We desperately need strong, intellectual people such as yourselves to vote in primary elections and become active politically," Specter said.

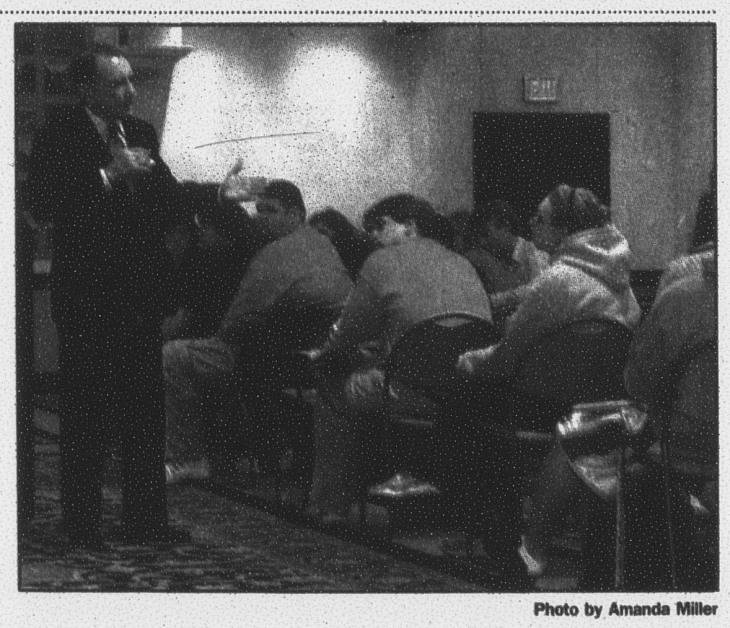

Photo by Amanda Miller

Senator Specter explained his views on current events and issues such as stem cell research, network neutrality and the U.S. mission in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 140 students, staff, faculty and community members were present for the senator's hour-long question and answer session.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 49	High 53	High 53	High 49	High 46	High 50	High 52
Low 36	Low 38	Low 39	Low 33	Low 33	Low 34	Low 37
Mostly cloudy and cooler	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, a little rain	Snow showers in the morning	Snow showers possible; colder	Cloudy to partly sunny	Rainy

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:38 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
Saturday	7:39 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Sunday	7:40 a.m.	6:31 p.m.
Monday	7:42 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
Tuesday	7:43 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Friday	6:05 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Saturday	7:05 a.m.	6:06 p.m.
Sunday	8:08 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Monday	9:13 a.m.	6:54 p.m.
Tuesday	10:19 a.m.	7:27 p.m.

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Oct 22	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12

Weather History

On October 20, 1987, Seattle, Wash., set a record high for the date with a temperature of 69 degrees. This was the 29th record high Seattle set in the year.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	50	38	pc	53	41	s	52	37	r	47	32	c	47	33	c
Butler, PA	49	35	sh	51	37	s	52	39	r	49	31	sh	46	32	c
Cambridge, OH	51	36	pc	56	39	s	55	38	r	48	32	c	47	34	c
Canton, OH	50	38	pc	54	41	s	52	37	r	48	32	c	46	34	c
Cincinnati, OH	54	38	pc	60	46	s	57	36	c	49	32	c	50	36	pc
Clarion, PA	48	34	sh	50	37	s	52	37	r	46	32	sh	44	31	sh
Clarksburg, WV	53	34	pc	58	38	s	58	41	r	50	33	sh	46	34	sh
Cleveland, OH	51	39	pc	56	45	pc	55	38	r	49	36	sh	49	37	sh
Columbus, OH	55	39	pc	57	45	s	55	38	c	50	34	c	49	35	c
Cumberland, MD	56	38	sh	56	40	s	56	41	r	52	35	sh	49	34	pc
Erie, PA	50	40	c	48	42	pc	53	41	r	49	37	sh	47	38	sh
Franklin, PA	48	34	c	52	37	s	52	38	r	46	32	sh	44	32	sh
Greensburg, PA	51	38	sh	53	42	s	56	41	r	50	35	sh	46	35	sh
Greenville, PA	48	36	c	52	39	s	53	39	r	47	33	sh	46	32	sh
Grove City, PA	49	34	c	51	37	s	52	38	r	47	31	sh	45	31	sh
Hagerstown, MD	64	39	r	58	41	s	58	42	c	56	38	c	54	36	pc
Indiana, PA	51	38	sh	51	41	s	59	44	r	52	37	sh	48	35	sh
Jamestown, NY	44	36	c	46	39	s	51	38	r	44	35	sh	42	33	sf
Kittanning, PA	52	37	sh	52	40	s	56	41	r	50	35	sh	48	34	sh
Lisbon, OH	50	37	pc	55	42	s	54	39	r	48	33	c	47	33	sh
Mansfield, OH	51	37	pc	53	42	pc	53	36	r	46	31	pc	47	32	c
Marietta, OH	54	35	pc	60	40	s	60	42	r	48	33	c	48	34	pc
McKeesport, PA	49	37	sh	54	42	s	55	40	r	49	34	sh	45	34	c
Meadville, PA	48	37	c	48	41	s	53	37	r	48	35	sh	45	33	sh
Morgantown, WV	51	36	c	57	40	s	58	42	r	51	34	sh	46	34	sh
New Castle, PA	49	36	c	54	39	s	53	40	r	49	32	sh	47	33	sh
Oil City, PA	49	35	c	52	38	s	52	39	r	47	33	sh	45	32	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	50	36	sh	53	40	s	55	38	r	48	32	sh	45	33	c
Sharon, PA	48	36	c	53	39	s	54	39	r	48	32	sh	46	32	sh
Somerset, PA	46	35	sh	50	38	s	50	37	r	45	31	sh	42	31	sf
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Wheeling, WV	51	38	pc	52	44	s	54	40	r	47	33	c	45	34	c
Youngstown, OH	48	36	pc	55	39	s	54	39	r	47	32	sh	46	33	sh
Wooster, OH	48	34	pc	54	40	pc	53	36	r	46	30	c	48	32	c
Zanesville, OH	53	34	pc	57	39	s	55	38	r	48	32	c	47	33	c

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Sports

Titans look to add win against Bethany

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Titan defense takes down Thomas More on Oct. 7. The Titans will host Bethany College for homecoming on Sat. Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

The Titans 1-5 and 0-3 in the PAC go into this year's homecoming game facing a very surprising Bethany team. Bethany is 3-3 and 1-2 in the PAC and was picked to finish last in the PAC in preseason polls. The focus of this game will be on the receivers since the PAC's top 3 receivers will be on the same field October 21 at Burry Stadium.

While the Titans have suffered 3 straight losses to PAC opponents, this is homecoming and team spirits will be high. Bethany comes into this game with the league's leading receiver T.J. Parker, who is averaging nearly 8 receptions per game on the season and is the only person on the list ahead of Titans Brett Ziegler and Jake Buzzard. The best chance for the Titans in this game is to get freshman quarterback Kevin Franz in a rhythm early in the game. He will be playing against a Bison secondary that is second in the PAC, allowing just over 150 yards passing per game.

Last week, the Titans faced perennial PAC powerhouse Washington and Jefferson away in Washington, PA. The Titans lost the game 50-7 but remained competitive until a couple of turnovers forced Westminster into an ugly game. W&J capitalized on two costly Titan turnovers to gain separation in the second quarter. While Westminster's quarterbacks combined for just 12 incompletions the Titans threw two costly interceptions. The lone Titan touchdown came on a first quarter pass from Franz to freshmen tight end Gary Hustler from 2 yards out.

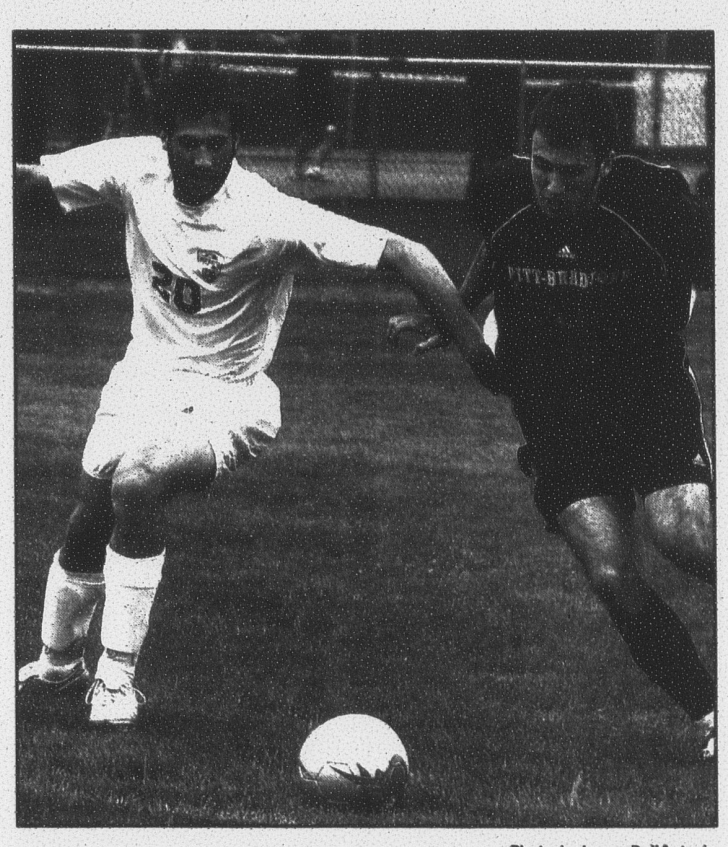
The Titans have lost their last two games by a combined score of 71 points, which is only 13 less than the Titans have scored all season. The Titans defense headed by sophomore linebacker Jordan Blinn with 18 tackles against the Presidents, has given up back-to-back 100 yard rushes. For Westminster to succeed, they will have to stop the run against Bethany or it could be a long day for the Titan defense that already averages over half the game on the field. The Titans are still yet to have a 100 yard rusher this season; 80 yards by Nick McKolosky against W&J is the closest so far.

The homecoming game against Bethany will be an important one for Westminster being that only 5 teams since 1952 have had losing seasons in the Titan uniform. 1-5 is the Titans' worst start since 1999 when the team started out 0-7 before winning 3 of their last four games to finish with a record of 3-8. The most mind-boggling statistic right now for the Titans is in the last two games; the Titan defense has allowed an average of 450 yards of total offense. For the Titans to win, the defense must step up and make some plays because the offense can not score without the ball.

Homecoming is a big event every year and will serve as a perfect stepping stone for this year's Titans. Junior guard Bryan Borkovich said "the team will definitely be fired up for homecoming. We have a lot to prove and we are a better team than 1-5, we need to play a complete game on both sides of the ball, a total team effort is what it is going to take."

The Titans must come out ready to play and prove that they are a better team than their record shows. Westminster will have its chance to prove itself October 21 at Harold Burry stadium starting at 1:30.

Titans beat Grove City, improve record with win over Thiel



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The Titans improved to 2-1 in the PAC with a 6-0 win over Thiel on Oct. 17.

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team has kept busy in recent weeks, picking up 3 wins and 2 loses to make their current record 7-5-2.

The men first beat non-conference opponent Waynesburg 4-1 on the road. Then, picked up both a conference loss and win at home by beating Grove City 1-0, but falling to Washington and Jefferson 1-0. The Titans then traveled to Saint Vincent where they fell to the non-conference opponent 3-0, but then rebounded at home against Thiel with a 6-0 conference win.

A handful of Titan players were instrumental in the wins for the team. Against Waynesburg, senior Mark Sadler, junior Ande Saporito and freshmen Matthew Tomnay and Justin Flowers each had a goal to give the team a win. Anthony Beilstein was in goal making f[illegible] saves.

Next, the Titans fell to Washington and Jefferson at home. Despite the loss, junior Garrett Horvarth made his return from injury by leading the team in shots on goal with four. Beilstein made 13 saves in goal.

The men were triumphant with their next home game by beating conference foe Grove City 1-0. Saporito booted in his sixth goal of the season by scoring the game winner for the Titans. Assisting was freshman Brice Lott. In goal for this game was junior Christopher Passione making 5 saves for the shutout.

The Titans then traveled to Saint Vincent where they fell to the non-conference opponent 3-0. Saporito along with senior Blake Ordell each lead the shots on goal with four each. Passione was in goal with 6 saves.

Rounding out their set of games, the Titans shutout conference opponent Thiel by winning 6-0. Leading the titans in goals was Ordell with two. Tomnay, Lott, Saporito, and freshman Ian Hill scored one a piece. Ordell, Lott, Horvarth, and freshman Chris Juchno assisted on those goals. Passione was in goal with 5 saves.

As the Titans play the final games of their season and get ready for playoffs, they credit much of their winning record to their team trip to England in the summer.

Instead of having a traditional two-week camp to prepare for this years season, the men's soccer team spent eight days on London, England.

"We had an awesome time in London," sophomore defender Justin Rivas said. "It was really a positive experience for our team."

There, they played four games against academy teams that are trained for

professional soccer careers. The Titans won three out of their four games against the academy teams and feel it gave them confidence for the upcoming season.

"Those teams had a high skill level and passed really well so it was a huge confidence booster to be able to them," junior midfielder J.R. Little said.

While the team was there, they also toured the city and experienced the English culture by attending an English Premier League soccer game and visiting places such as Wembley Stadium, one of the most popular soccer stadiums in Europe.

The Titans will next travel to Kentucky to face conference opponent, Thomas More.

Lady Titans volleyball leads in PAC standings

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The Westminster volleyball team suffered three non-conference losses in the past three weeks, but achieved four key wins improving their record and putting them in first place in the PAC.

"I am very proud of the Titans' conference play thus far," said head coach Tammy Swearingen. "Even though we are in first, the team knows that they are going to have to pick up their level of play even more to hold on to it. We are the target for every team right now. It will be a battle to the end."

The Lady Titans defeated their conference rival Waynesberg 3-1 (30-25, 30-20, 26-30, 31-29) on Saturday, October 7, 2006. This was a major win for the Titans as it was their first in four years.

"Beating Waynesburg was a huge accomplishment when looking at our career record against them, but I expected nothing less from the talented team we have this year," stated senior Katie McDermott, concerning the triumph.

The leading hitters against Waynesberg were junior Diana Conzett with 19 kills and McDermott with 18. Other notables included sophomore Kylene Hoch who had a career-high 29 digs and senior Rachael Cooper who posted four service aces.

The volleyball team crushed Chatham College 3-0 (30-15, 30-13, 30-13) in a non-conference match on the same day.

Assisting in the win against Chatham were Cooper and freshman Beth Copp, each with eight kills. Cooper also contributed eight service aces. Defensively, junior Jenna Hinks and Cooper led the way with 13 digs apiece. Freshman reserve setter Corrie Gasser dished out a career-high 19 assists during the match.

The Lady Titans hosted Bethany on Tuesday, October 10. The team improved their PAC record once again by beating Bethany 3-0 (30-15, 30-20, 30-16).

The Titans were led in hitting by sophomore Rachel Terzak who recorded ten kills along with four service aces. Conzett and McDermott followed with nine kills each. Sophomore setter Rachel Terzak put up a match-high 29 assists and defensively contributed 14 digs.

The Titans traveled to the Thomas More invitational last weekend where they were defeated in non-conference play by both Hanover and nationally-ranked Capital on Saturday. The Titans fell behind No. 22 Capital during the match with scores of 22-30, 17-30, and 30-32. During the Hanover match the Titans led at first with scores of 30-25 and 31-29, but dropped the last three (20-30, 21-30, 11-15).

McDermott factored in nine kills and Terzak followed with eight in the match against Capital. Hassell registered 31 assists, while junior Danielle Hogue had three solo blocks.

Statistical leaders against Hanover were Cooper with 12 kills, Hogue with 11 and McDermott with ten. Hassell contributed 47 assists, while Hogue had three solo blocks. Hoch led the Titans' defense with 31 digs.

The team split matches on Sunday at the invitational, overcoming the host Saints 3-0 (34-32, 30-27, 30-25), but losing to Piedmont 0-3 (24-30, 27-30, 27,30).

Against Thomas More, Conzett recorded 13 kills and Terzak followed with 11 kills and seven service aces. McDermott had five blocks (two solo) and Hassell put up 35 assists.

Leading the attacks against Piedmont were Cooper and Conzett each with nine kills. Cooper contributed 12 assists and ten digs.

"Hard work and teamwork are the reasons that we are doing so well this season," said Hassell when asked about their first place position. "We work so hard every day. Our practices aren't easy. The coaches push us because they know that we can win."

The Lady Titans have an overall record of 18-8 and are 6-1 in the PAC after the previously stated matches. They will travel to Washington & Jefferson on Saturday, October 21, where they will play against the host as well as Point Park.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Life's Certainties

As complex and complicated as life is today, certain certainties, believe it or not, still exist.

For instance, the basics, taxes and death, are two of life's certainties. Date Paris Hilton for a week, and I guarantee your picture appears in *The National Inquirer*. Be involved in an automotive crash where you bounce off of a windshield, onto a street, and wind up in the hospital where your life flashes before your eyes, and I guarantee you will not perform the same at work for the next six or seven months.

If you're an engineer, your quality of work suffers for six or seven months. If you're a construction worker, your performance suffers for six or seven months, and if you're an NFL quarterback, it is certain that your performance will suffer for a while.

Imagine going through what Ben Roethlisberger went through approximately one month before the opening of the NFL's training camp. Lying in a hospital bed questioning his life, I doubt splitting Cleveland's secondary was on the mind of Big Ben. When Ben's mental state did return, reality hit him square in the face, literally. Big Ben awoke to find that he had a severely broken nose, along with multiple knee and leg injuries.

A traumatic episode such as the one Roethlisberger experienced changes a man. It has a huge impact not only physically, but psychologically. It causes a man to re-evaluate life and re-consider his priorities, and Big Ben is no exception.

Consider this, Big Ben, pre-accident, was known not only as a risky, gutsy, and fearless player, but also as a risky, gutsy, and fearless guy. Nearly losing your life takes some of the risk, guts, and fearlessness out of a man. Last year, when Ben saw Shawne Merriman running at him to take off his head, Ben's instinct was to be fearless and stand in the pocket until the last second in order to make a good throw, knowing that as soon as the ball was released Merriman would inflict him with brutal pain. Knowing that a shellacking was coming, Ben did not care. This year, Ben may have a different outlook on standing in the pocket. Shortly after seeing Merriman, his mind might flash to what it was like to be in a hospital and not only know if he would ever play football again, but if he would ever walk again.

Yes, Big Ben did get off to a slow start this year, and yes it did take him until the sixth week of the season to throw a touchdown pass. However, given what Ben endured this off-season, his sluggish start is more than understandable. His recent performance against the Kansas City Chiefs proved that although he might have a slightly different outlook, the Big Ben that Steelers fans know and love is still the same.

Next time a naysayer constructs disparaging criticism for Ben Roethlisberger's early performance, think of life's certainties and enlighten the critic. Date Paris Hilton, appear in *The National Inquirer*. Bounce off of a windshield and wreck like Ben, work production will be down for a little while.

Fortunately, over time, confidence will start to build and work production will follow. Will Ben again be so stellar at his job this year that he will win the Super Bowl for a second straight year? If he regains the form he showed in the playoffs last year, a Super Bowl win for the Steelers may just become another of life's certainties.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column, but first you have to make the cut.

Sports

College inducts Hall-of-Famers

By Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Every year Westminster honors athletes in various sports for their dedication, hard work and exceptional talent. These selected athletes are inducted into the Titan Sports Hall of Fame. This year's chosen athletes were recognized on Oct. 7, 2006, at the home football game versus Thomas More at halftime. They were officially inducted into the Hall of Fame later that evening at a banquet held in their honor.

The Titan Sports Hall of Fame class of 2006 consists of nine new inductees: Felton Brown '60, track & field; Janie Cebula '97, volleyball; Jim Delsandro '97, basketball; Jason Kunkle '95, swimming; Craig Mills '96, football; Ron Minnie '60, track & field/basketball; Bill Moss '57, football/track & field; Lou Perrotta '94, football; and Tony Pizon '97, track & field/cross country.

Felton Brown is arguably the fastest man to have ever graduated from Westminster. Titan coaching legend Harold Burry once called Brown "the best sprinter Westminster has ever had." He was a four-year letterman and captain of the 1960 team; his records in the sprints still stand atop the Titan record board almost 50 years since they were set. Brown established himself at the Tri-State Championships in both his freshman and sophomore years.

Janie Cebula, just three years as a starter, is one of only six Titan volleyball players to register 1,000 or more kills in her career. The team captain and team MVP of the 1995 Titan squad was named KECC Player of the Year in 1995, along with an honorable mention for the NAIA All-America team. Cebula was also named to the first team for the NAIA all-Northeast Region team and the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference in 1994 and 1995.

Jim Delsandro was a starter midway through his freshman year and led the Titans to four straight regular season KECC titles. Delsandro was a two-time NAIA All-American, earning second-team honors during the 1995-96 and 1996-97 seasons. He was also a two-time, first-team selection on the All-KECC team. Delsandro's 1,163 career points rank him 24th of all-time in school history. The biggest basket of his career was the game-winner in the 1996 KECC finals to beat arch-rival Geneva to send the Titans to the NAIA tournament.

Jason Kunkle was an All-America swimmer for the Titans all four years he competed from 1992-95. The team's most valuable swimmer during his senior season, Kunkle earned All-America honors in six different events during his outstanding career. Kunkle made a habit of breaking school records in individual and relay events each swim season. He was also a key performer on the Westminster Penn-Ohio Championship teams in 1992-93 and 1993-94.

Craig Mills was one of the most outstanding defensive players in the history of the Titan football program. The school's all-time leader in solo tackles with 411, Mills played linebacker and was a key player on the Titans' 1994 NAIA national championship team. A two-time team captain and team MVP during his junior and senior seasons, Mills was a first-team All-American in 1995 and 1996 after earning second-team honors in 1994. He was also a first-team all-conference player for three straight years.

Ron Minnie was an outstanding two-sport athlete during his career at Westminster. He set school and district records for Titan's track and field team and was a key player on the 1959 and 1960 NAIA national tournament basketball team that compiled a 43-11 overall record. Minnie helped lead the Titans to a 22-4 record in dual meets and conference and district titles during his career. On the basketball court, he had a reputation as one of the toughest defensive players of all-time.

Bill Moss is another of the all-around athletes from the Class of 1957 who helped lead the Titan football program to prominence. Moss was a two-way starter at end on the football team for four years and was also a standout for the Titan track and field team in the spring. Moss was an all-NAIA district second-team selection and an all-college district third-team selection in 1954, before earning first-team NAIA all-state honors and second-team all-college honors in 1956. The Titan football teams Moss played on posted a combined four-year record of 28-1-1. Moss ran the 440 and the mile and half-mile relays. Those Titan track & field teams posted a 25-3 dual meet record and won three straight Tri-State championships in track.

Louis Perrotta was a standout offensive lineman for the Titan football teams that were runners-up for the 1990 and 1993 NAIA national championships and for the 1992 undefeated regular season team. The co-captain of the 1993 team as a senior, Perrotta also earned NAIA All-American honorable mention that season. He started three years and lettered four during his Titan career on teams that compiled an overall record of 38-9.

Tony Pizon was an outstanding cross country and track and field athlete for the Titans during his four years from 1993-97. He was voted most valuable performer on the cross country team all four years and qualified for the NAIA cross country nationals in 1993, 1994 and 1995, earning all-conference status all four years including three years on the first team. Pizon also set school records in indoor track in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters. He was a third-team Academic All-American in track during the 1997 season, as well as an NAIA cross country Academic All-American in 1995.

Lady Titan tennis season slowly coming to an end

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

Although this fall season is just beginning, the Lady Titans' season is slowly coming to an end. Over the past two weeks the women's tennis team has played a total of four games, matched breaking even with the wins and losses to comprise an overall record of 9-7 and a conference record of 4-1.

The Lady Titans dropped their first PAC match of the season to Grove City on Monday, Oct. 9. The team put up a good fight but lost to their visiting conference rival with a score of 1-8. Although the Lady Titans fell to their opponents, head coach Scott Renninger said, "It was a very well played match. The 1-8 score is not an indication of how well it was played."

There were two very close matches at No. 3 and No. 4 singles involving junior Christina Commisso and freshman April Scudere. Commisso lost her match to Grove City's Erin Bennett 6-1, 6-7 (12-10), 10-7. The lone winner came at No. 4 singles, where Scudere won her three-set match, 5-7, 6-2, 10-5, over the Wolverines' Lisa Baldwin. Grove City swept all the doubles matches and claimed wins at Numbers 1, 2, 5 and 6 singles.

The women's tennis team went on to play Penn State Behrend Tuesday in a non-conference match and suffered yet another close loss with a score of 5-4. The bottom three singles players and No. 3 doubles team garnered the wins.

Scudere defeated Karen Hobaugh 6-2, 6-1 at No.4 singles, while her fellow Westminster teammates senior captain Andrea Pastorius at No. 5 singles captured the win (6-2, 6-3) and No. 6 singles player Alyson Lingle won in 2 straight sets (6-1, 6-0). The No. 3 Lady Titans doubles team consisting of Scudere and Pastorius defeated Amy Brem and Jennifer Balsiger 8-2.

"It was such a close match; we only lost by one point," Pastorius said. "Even though we lost, we played well, and we aim to finish our season strong."

And she was certainly right for Westminster returned to the courts with determination on Friday, Oct. 13, when the Lady Titans traveled to Waynesburg for another game of conference play. The date certainly didn't bring any bad luck to the Lady Titans for the team defeated Waynesburg with a score of 8-1.

The women's tennis team battled Waynesburg with force sweeping all the doubles matches and claiming victory in numbers 2-6 of singles play. Multiple winners for Westminster included juniors Dana Larson and Christina Commisso at No. 1 doubles and Nos. 2 and 3 singles, respectively. Scudere and Pastorius also captured two wins apiece at No. 3 doubles and Nos. 4 and 5 singles, respectively.

The Lady Titans did not stop there. Bethany traveled to Westminster with hopes of claiming a victory, but the Lady Titans obliterated that dream, defeating Bethany in an almost perfect match of 9-0 on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

The Lady Titans' hard work certainly paid off as the team finishes up with only one loss in conference play. They will be traveling to Erie this Saturday, Oct. 21 to compete in the PAC Championships and hopefully will return with the title of conference champs.

TITAN TALK

Titan Talk features *The Holcad*'s sports gurus and lets them weigh in on hot sports topics. Each week, our experts will will hold a debate, and their comments will be turned into the dictation that is Titan Talk. E-mail *The Holcad* at holcad@westminster.edu and let us know who you think won or lost the argument.

Check out next week's edition for the results.

Was George Steinbrenner keeping Joe Torre the right decision and what's going on with the Yankees?

Bryan Borkovich (Bork): They're totally going in the wrong direction. They overpaid for Johnny Damon, and Joe Torree being the Yankees manager needs to win games under George Steinbrenner.

Brandon Phillian: How do you say he doesnt win games? He makes the playoffs, he clinches the playoffs faster than anyone in the AL. How do you say he doesnt win games?

Bork: He's not winning the World Series and that's what matters.

Shane Parker: That's right, he hasn't won the Series and the past six years they have spent six billion dollars on the team. What have they done? Nothing.

Josh Kutzner: Joe Torre might have six billion dollars worth of players, but he doesn't go out there everyday and he's not the one making the errors.

Bork: Thats what he gets paid to do, manag. Everyone knows he can't control what the players do, but it's up to him to manage the lineup and win games.

Kutzner: He puts the lineup on the field everyday he fills out the lineup card. He does what he has to do. It's not his fault Steinbrenner is overpaying Randy Johnson 22 million a year and he can't pitch more than five innings now because of his back.

Phillian: Here's the deal, Joe Torre is making the right calls, he has made the playoffs more consistently than any other manager in Major League Baseball.

Bork: They have the highest payroll.

Phillian: They do have the highest payroll, but that's not Joe Torre's fault. Joe Toree controls what happens on the field. That's George Steinbrenner's fault.

Bork: Anyone could coach that team and take them to the playoffs.

Parker: Joe Torre makes the right calls at manager, he starts Jaret Wright, who was a bum in Cleveland, and he's been a bum ever since. He puts Gary Sheffield at first base, bench Johnny Damon.

Phillian: You have Hideki in left, Damon in center, and Abreu in right, where are you gonna put Sheffield? You have to put him at first base.

Bork: Try the bench, because he's washed up and a bum too.

Kutzner: Joe Torre put him on the bench in game four and what happened, they lost.

Phillian: It all comes back to playing, and Joe Torre doesn't play in the game.

Parker: How many games did Sheffield play at first base all season?

Kutzner: The whole last month of the season he played first.

Bork: Let's talk baseball Phillian. According to you guys, no manager should ever get fired in Major League Baseball because they don't play the game and make the errors.

Phillian: That's wrong. We said Joe Torre shouldn't get fired because he wins. What do you want a manager to do? He wins games and has won the World Series.

Bork: But that's just it. They haven't won the World Series.

Phillian: Yeah, but you can't win the World Series without making the playoffs.

Bork: Seriously, it's all about winning the World Series. So you make the playoffs, big whoop.

Parker: If you make the playoffs and lose in the first round then you are at the same place of teams that didn't even go .500.

Bork: Like the Pirates, sitting at home watching the World Series.

Kutzner: You're telling me that if the Pirates wanted Joe Torre you wouldn't take him?

Bork: That's different though because Jim Tracy couldn't coach himself out of a wet paper bag. How about Lou Piniella, you want to talk about winning? How about an MLB record 116 wins that he had in Seattle?

Phillian: The same job that he got fired from in Seattle.

Parker: He won games in Seattle.

Kutzner: What did Tampa Bay do when he was there? Nothing.

Bork: Joe Torre couldn't win in Tampa Bay, no one can, that's where they send players and managers to die.

Phillian: I disagree, Jim Leyland took a detroit tigers team that was worse than the Devil Rays and won the ALCS.

Bork: You can't tell me that the Tigers were worse than the Devil Rays. The Tigers have Ivan Rodriguez and young talent.

Kutzner and Phillian: So do the Devil Rays.

Phillian: With Scott Kazmir pitching, Carl Crawford, amd B.J. Upton, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays have young talent and with a good manager they could be a winner.

Bork: Tampa Bay will never win a World Series in your lifetime.

Parker: You guys are doggin on Lou Piniella for not winning with a subpar team.

Kutzner: You're right, he won't win with Joe Torre coaching in the division.

Parker: You guys are hypocrites. You say Joe Torre wins games, Lou Piniella won games in Seattle and got fired from that job, and you know he got fired because he did not produce rings.

Kutzner: When did Lou Piniella ever produce rings?

Parker: That's why he got fired and why Torre should be fired because he isn't producing rings.

Kutzner: He's won World Series.

Parker: What have you done for me lately?

Bork: He has the highest paid team in baseball, he should be winning the World Series.

Phillian: He can't control that.

Kutzner: In 1998, he won with a team that wasn't the highest payroll, he had Paul O'Neil and Chuck Knoblauch, guys who were young and weren't getting paid the millions of dollars.

Bork: He's always surrounded by good players. I would like to see Joe Torre managing a club where he's not stacked with talent.

Phillian: We disagree with Joe Torre and Sweet Lou, but what's wrong with the Yankees?

Bork: They overpay their players.

Kutzner: I disagree. I'm not a big Yankees guy and I agree Steinbrenner might run a loose ship and overpay his players, but you have to look at the talent that he's bringing in. There is nothing wrong with the Yankees. If anything is wrong with them, it's their pitching. That offense is one of the greatest offenses that may have ever been assembled. If you get someone in there next to Chien-Ming Wong's 17 wins this year.

Phillian: I agree with Kutz. You bring in some solid pitching with Mariano Rivera in the bullpen and you will have a winner again in New York. If you can get a solid five man pitching rotation in there that stays healthy throughout the season, then they can win again.

Bork: No way. If that lineup was so good then they would be winning. They would be winning, they arent winning, they are at home watching the ALCS on the couch.

Kutzner: The lineup produced at least three runs in every game in the series, its there pitching that struggled.

Phillian: It's like I said last time Kutz, it's pitching that wins in October, not offense, and that's what the Yankees lacked this year.

Lady Titan kickers defeat rivals W&J

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior forward Mallory Bugel gets on past the goalie for a goal in the 6-0 PAC win against Thiel on Oct. 18.

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the autumn season commences the leaves begin to fall, but the Lady Titans seem to be doing just the opposite. The Lady Titans played four games in the past two weeks defeating W&J, Bethany, Saint Vincent and Theil. Being victorious in all four games the Titans were able to comprise a PAC record of 3-0 and improve their overall record to 10-3-1.

On Saturday, Oct. 7th, the Lady Titans claimed their first PAC victory in a riveting match against rivals W&J with a score of 3-2. W&J scored the first goal 42 minutes into the game, gaining the lead only until Kait Etzel-Hardman countered, a minute later, with a left-footed shot off of a free kick. Three minutes into the second half W&J scored again, putting the Lady Titans in another one-goal deficit. But the Lady Titans didn't get discouraged, they just kept on battling.

In the 69th minute senior captain Sarah Calderone scored the game-tying goal with an amazing shot from outside the 18 into the upper 90. "It was one of the best goals all season," head coach Girish Thakar said. And that it was, but the Lady Titans still needed one goal. The Lady Titans' hard work paid off when Sarah Calderone scored the game-winning goal with only four minutes left in the game.

"This past Saturday was an opportunity for us to test the mentality and strength of our team," Calderone said.

"And we came back twice to persevere." But although they passed that test the Lady Titans knew that their game with Grove City was crucial. So they took the field Tuesday, Oct. 10th, with determination and confidence to shut out Grove City with a 4-0 victory.

"We learned from the mistakes that we made on Saturday and fixed them so that we were able to capitalize on Grove City's," junior captain Brittany Mckee said. Capitalizing seems to be very characteristic of sophomore midfielder Christina Adams as she scored her second hat trick of the season to help post the win.

Having just one 4-0 shutout in the past week wasn't good enough for the Lady Titans. After traveling to Saint Vincent on Saturday, Oct. 14th, they came through to duplicate that score in a victory over Saint Vincent.

After defeating Saint Vincent the Lady Titans prepared themselves for conference play on Wednesday, October 18th against Thiel. The preparation did pay off, for they were victorious over their opponent with a score of 6-0. All three of the captains agree that "it was good game to get out on the field as a team and practice."

The Lady Titans hope the effort they put into their games will pay off in their future games. The Lady Titans will be traveling down to Thomas More Saturday, Oct. 21 to play another conference match and hopefully make their PAC record 4-0.

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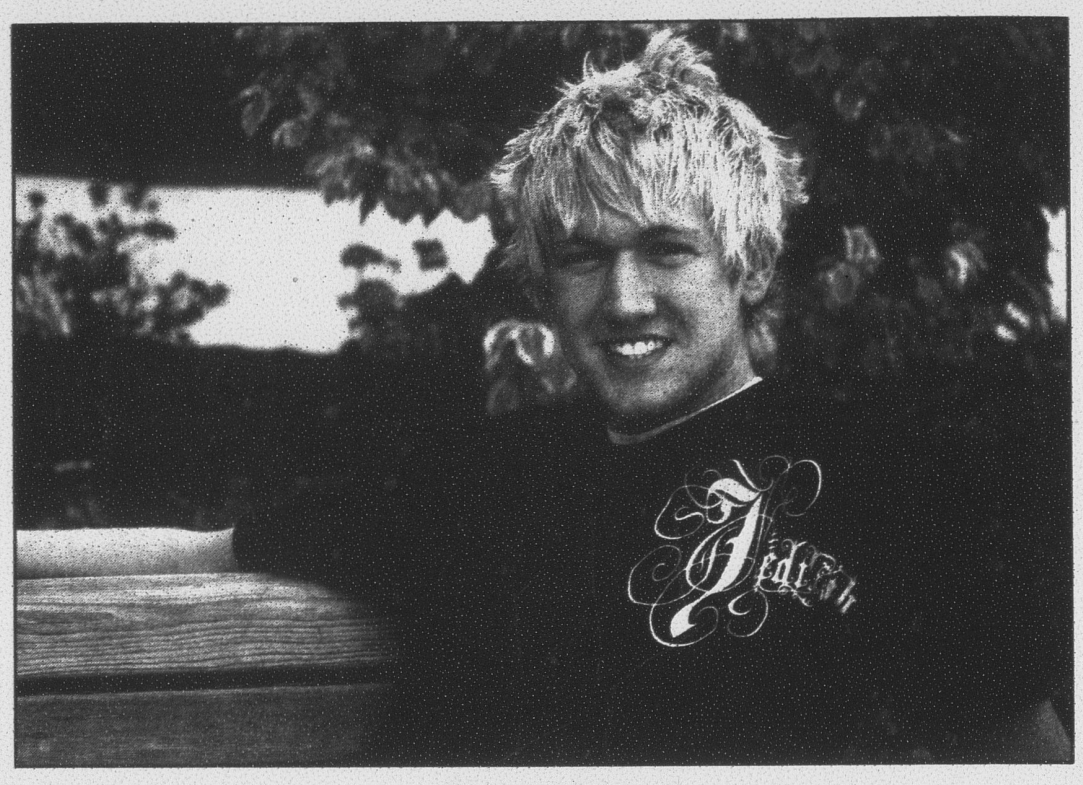
Homecoming 2006

Candidates for King

Photos by Laura DellAntonio

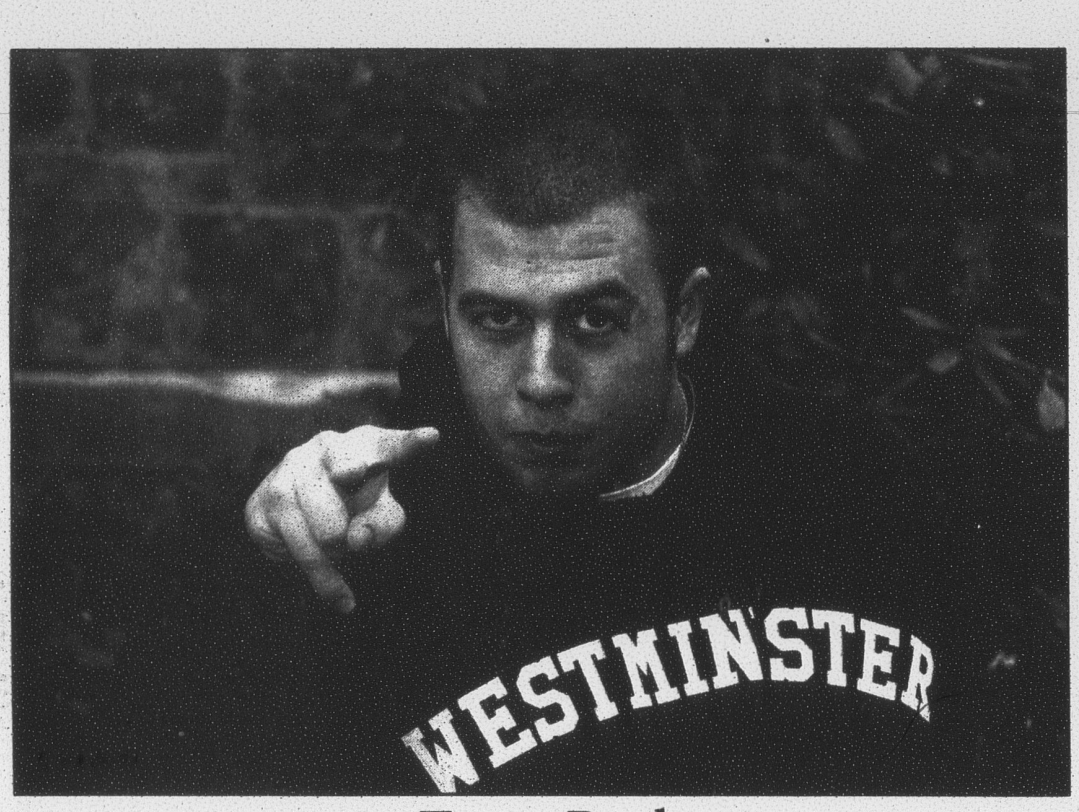
Barry Unis
Phi Kappa Tau

Barry Unis, the candidate from Phi Kappa Tau, is a psychology major and theatre minor. He is the Vice-President, Steward, Membership Orientation Officer, and Historian of Phi Kappa Tau and is a Dagger Boy of Kappa Delta. He also splits his time among Psychology Club, S.A.D.D., Allies, and Alpha Psi Omega. Barry is very involved with Theatre Westminster and loves helping out with the Fresh Start program.



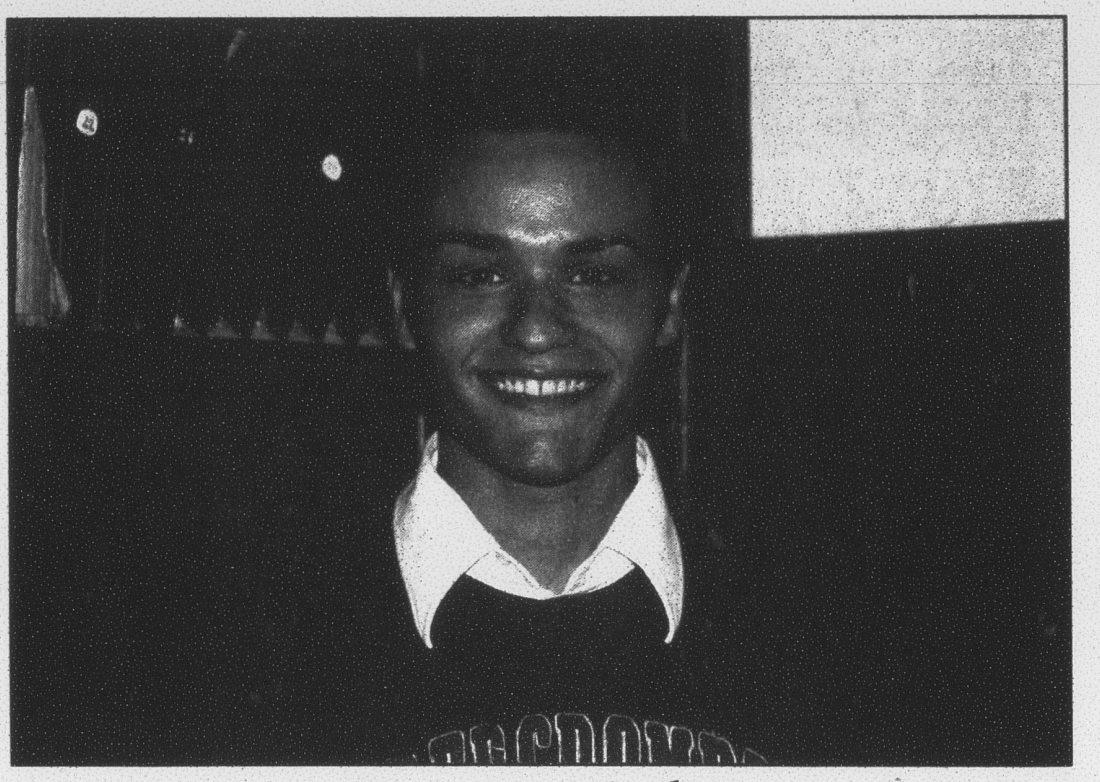
Cory Criss
Alpha Sigma Phi

Cory Criss, the candidate from Alpha Sigma Phi, is a biochemistry major. He plans to be an endocrinologist and work with diabetes. Criss runs track and cross country. On campus, he is involved with his fraternity, Student Life and Athletics Council, College Republicans, and Chemistry Club.



Travis Bieda
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Travis Bieda from Sigma Phi Epsilon is a History Major with a minor in secondary education. His future plans may also involve Law School. Currently he is the Recruitment Chair for Sig Eps, Treasurer of The Inter-Fraternal Council, a Senator for the Student Government Asscociation, and was also a member of the PAC champion baseball team.



Gene Cunningham
Theta Chi

Gene Cunningham from the Theta Chi fraterntiy is a Business Administration major from Connellsville, Pennsylvania. On campus he is involved in numerous organizations such as men's varsity tennis, Student Alumni Association, SWAT, Campus Programming Committee, Ski and Snowboard Club, Lambda Sigma, Fresh Start, and the Student Government Association.

Nicholas DiNatale
Sigma Nu

Nicholas DiNatale from Sigma Nu is an Accounting major from Scott Township, Pennsylvania. On campus he is a member of the Economics Club, the treasurer of Sigma Nu fraternity, and a member of the basketball team. He was an intern this summer at KPMG, and hopes to start a career as a CPA with a Big Four Firm.

Anatoli Dorosh
Independent

Anatoli Dorosh, the independent candidate for Homecoming King, is a history major and a secondary education minor. One day he hopes to single-handedly change the education system and make history interesting for students. He is a starter on the Westminster Ice Hockey Team and he hopes to participate in more extracurricular activities on campus because he likes people.

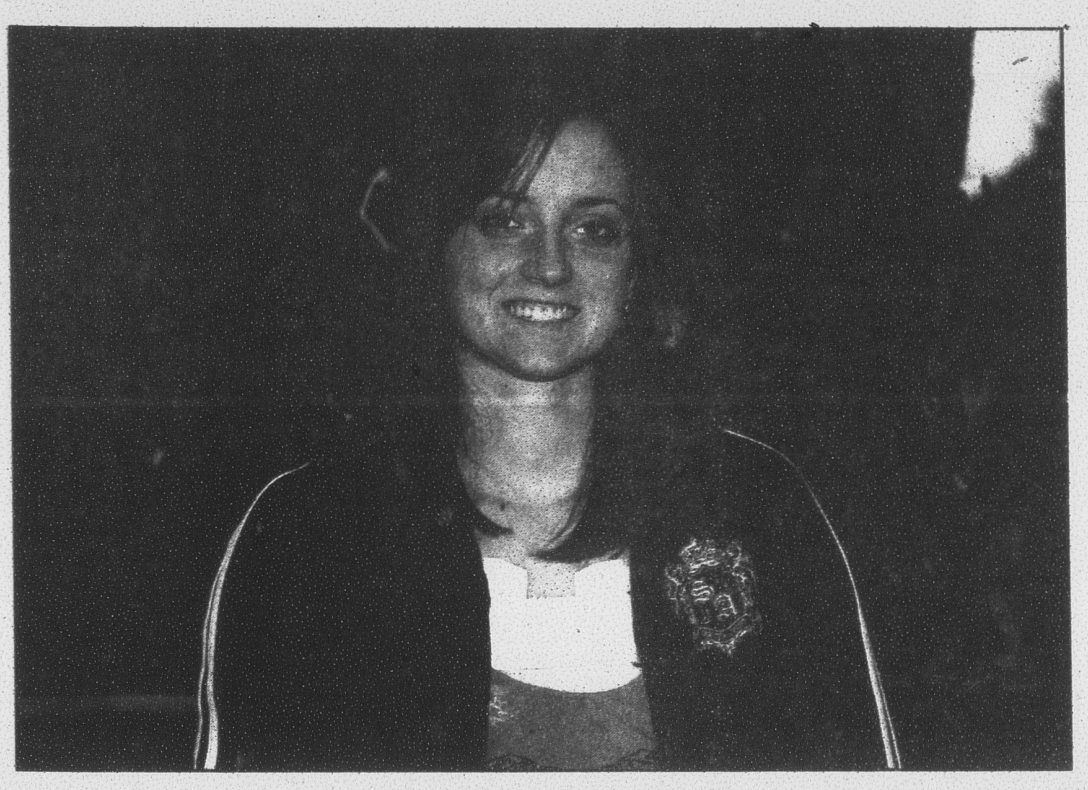
Homecoming 2006

Candidates for Queen

Photos by Laura DellAntonio

Durann VanGorder
Alpha Gamma Delta

Durann VanGorder, the candidate from the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, is a Chemistry major and Secondary Education minor from Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. On campus she is involved in activities such as SWAT, Chemistry Club, being a Chemistry tutor. Durann also is a member of the Ellwood City First Church of God and volunteers at churches and schools in the New Wilmington area. In the future, she plans to attend graduate school for chemistry and be a professor.

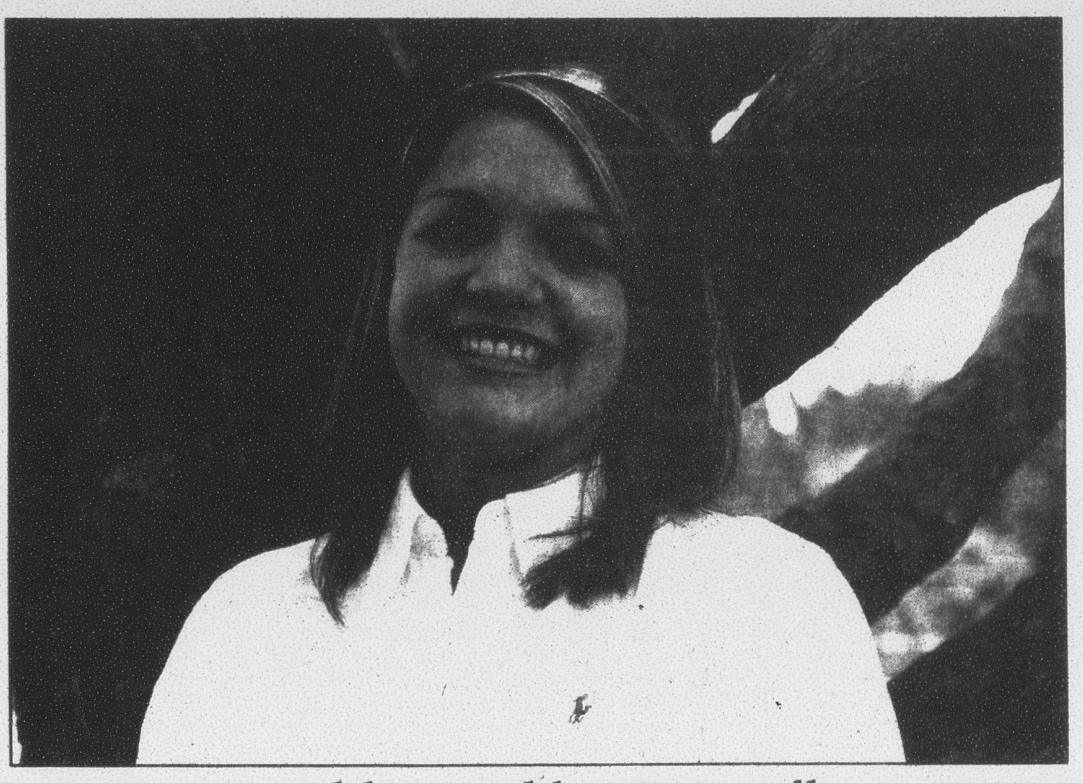


Jessica Cooper
Kappa Delta

Jessica Cooper, the candidate from the Kappa Delta sorority, is a History major from New Castle, Pennsylvania. She is the Vice President of Standards in Kappa Delta and a seasoned athlete on campus: she splits her time between the Volleyball team and being on Track and Field. She was the PAC champion high jump in 2005 and the champion triple jump in 2006. In addition, she is the SAAC women's track representative and also is the first woman in WC track history to qualify for the NCAA meet. She plans to get a Master's in Library and Information Science.

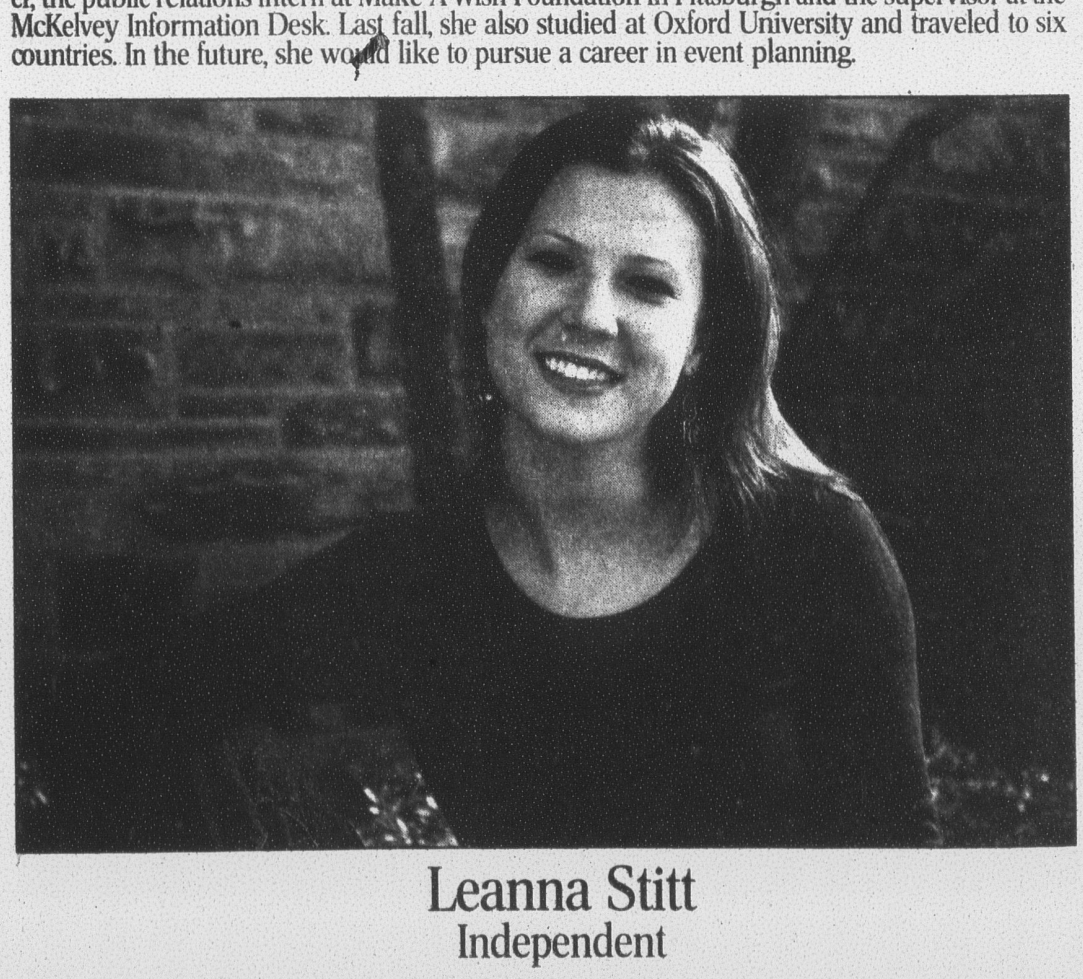
Ashley Beaver
Sigma Kappa

Ashley Beaver, the candidate from Sigma Kappa, is a Public Relations major and communications minor from Johnstown, PA. As a dean's list honor student, she is involved in many activities such as Student Alumni Association, SWAT, Fresh Start, PRSSA, Dance Theatre, Lambda Sigma Honor Society and Ski Cub Secretary, among many others. Ashley is also a school caterer, the public relations intern at Make-A-Wish Foundation in Pittsburgh and the supervisor at the McKelvey Information Desk. Last fall, she also studied at Oxford University and traveled to six countries. In the future, she would like to pursue a career in event planning.



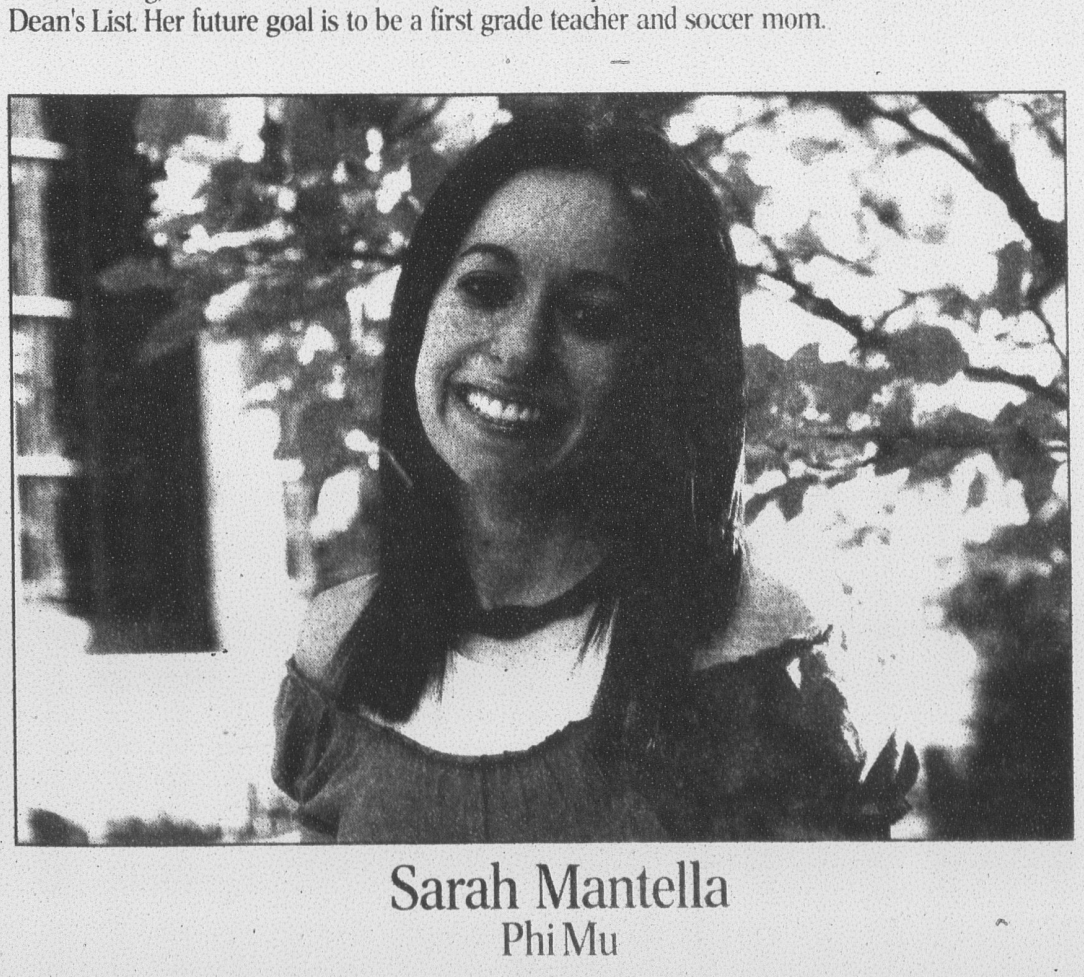
Ashley "Cubbey" Linnelli
Zeta Tau Alpha

Ashley "Cubbey" Linnelli from Zeta Tau Alpha is an Elementary Education major from Canfield, Ohio. On campus she is involved in organizations such as the women's swim team, Newman Club, Kappa Delta Pi, and Fresh Start. Cubbey is also an All-PAC second team performer in swimming, on PAC honor roll, was one of the Top Ten Freshman at Westminster, and is on Dean's List. Her future goal is to be a first grade teacher and soccer mom.



Leanna Stitt
Independent

Leanna Stitt, an English and Sociology major from Plum, Pennsylvania, is the independent candidate for homecoming queen. Leanna is very involved on campus and splits her time being the News Editor of the Holcad, an RA in Ferguson Hall, Mortar Board Society, Student Athletic Advisory Council, Sierra Student Coalition, and Scrawl. This is Leanna's second year as captain of the women's cross-country team, and her third year running for Westminster's team. In addition, this is her third year working as an intern with the youth at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.



Sarah Mantella
Phi Mu

Sarah Mantella, the candidate from Phi Mu, is majoring in Biology with a minor in secondary education. Sarah is involved in many organizations on campus such as, Phi Mu sorority, Panhellenic Council, Student Alumni Association, S.A.D.D., Pre-Dental Society, Fresh Start and also works at McGill Library. After college she plans to pursue a career in dentistry.

Arts & Entertainment

The Departed: another spectacular work from Scorsese

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

For a while now I have been looking for a well-made movie. I do not mean an average or even a really good movie, but a movie that can hold some weight among the other wanna-be Oscar contenders that are coming out this fall. I finally found it in *The Departed*.

Martin Scorsese achieves superior directorial work in this film; perhaps this will be his year to win a long-deserved Oscar. But who cares about the Oscars when there is finally a movie with substance and superb acting? The basic plotline follows the lives of two undercover Boston PD cops, but they happen to be on opposite sides. The one undercover, Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), infiltrates notorious Irish mobster Frank Costello's (Jack Nicholson) ranks, with the motive of bringing him to authority.

The other undercover is Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon), who maintains the position of all-American cop, while in reality he is a rat working for Costello. Eventually the hierarchy at Boston PD sense that it has a rat in its midst, and Agent Ellerby (Alec Baldwin) hires Sullivan to sniff out the traitor, which makes him just a bit edgy for obvious reasons.

Meanwhile, Costello suspects that he too has a rat in his group and orders Sullivan to find out who the cop is or else…well, Costello is one to find humor in killing a man. Sullivan does not know who Costigan is and vice-versa, which results in a race to find the other rat before their own time runs out.

Mark Wahlberg and Martin Sheen play Agent Dignam and Chief Oliver Queenan, who are in charge of keeping Costigan alive while undercover. However, as the plot thickens and the death toll rises, Costigan realizes that he is going to have to take his own life in his hands.

The impressive factor of this film is how the acting and character development ties together with a brilliant plot. This is Damon's most complex role, where he plays someone who is completely despicable, and DiCaprio's development as a hardened street kid to a cop tortured by the stress of an undercover assignment is riveting and moving. Even Wahlberg did an admirable job acting; perhaps he is breaking out of his mediocre acting stereotype.

As always, Nicholson is flawless, but as I learned in an interview I read about him, he really had a hand in making his character even more gritty and raw, which translates into more realistic.

Yeah, his character, and the film in general, is rough around the edges, but polished just does not work for this story. As Costello says to his entourage; "I don't wanna be a product of my environment; I want my environment to be a product of me."

Overall, Scorsese has made a movie, in the sense of all a movie is supposed to do, from entertaining the audience to telling a story, but without sacrificing substance. And it's about time. Rating: A+

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Photo from www.cinemastrikesback.com

Matt Damon and Leonardo DiCaprio headline an all-star cast in *The Departed*, which also includes appearances by Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, and Jack Nicholson.

Researcher: Women have hard road in politics

By Tiara Etheridge
Oklahoma Daily (U. Oklahoma)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. -- Women confront obstacles in the political campaigning process, and politics in general, that rarely affect their male counterparts.

"Money is the biggest difficulty," said Laura Boyd, national field director of the Women Legislators' Lobby and the only woman in Oklahoma history to run for governor on the general election ticket in 1998.

Research has indicated a wide disparity in the distribution of campaign funds between women and men, Boyd said.

Jennifer Lawless, a political science researcher and professor at Brown University, said organizations that raise money for women candidates, such as Emily's List, also have trouble raising money.

Lawless spoke Tuesday in Oklahoma Memorial Union as part of the University of Oklahoma course, "Gender, Power and Leadership," taught by Cindy Rosenthal and Hannah Brenner, OU political science professors.

Lawless said women show less political ambition than men. Out of 4,000 professional men and women surveyed, Lawless said only 40 percent of women viewed themselves as viable candidates, compared to 60 percent of men.

Lawless said family goals, female self-perception and a lack of political recruitment obstructed female participation in politics.

She said many women still stick to their traditional role of caregiver and avoid politics to spend time with their families. Men are seen primarily as bread winners and leaders, with their familial role secondary.

Lawless said women underestimate their abilities, whereas men seem to believe they were born with leadership capabilities.

Men and women view the characteristics of a leader differently, Lawless said.

Of those who said they could run for office, women cited their political and personal experience. Men, however, viewed their passion and "desire to serve" as qualifications.

Political recruitment of women is practically non-existent, Lawless said.

Her research showed women respond to recruitment and encouragement in the same way as men. But no professional women Lawless surveyed had been recruited and many had been discouraged from getting into politics.

When she ran for Congress, Lawless said the results reflected a nationwide gender bias recognized by more than 80 percent of men and 90 percent of women.

A survey showed voters chose Lawless for a political change and a progressive national security policy. Her opponent's voters, however, said they voted for him because "he's a nice guy" and he hadn't robbed a bank. She said the characterizations fall in line with traditional gender stereotypes.

Forty-four states have more women in their state legislatures than Oklahoma. State Representative Debbie Blackburn, D-Oklahoma City, said she can see the gender disparity.

"There is still a 'good-ol'-boy' mentality, believe me, in the Oklahoma legislature," Blackburn said. "It is alive and well." Lawless, 31, said she modified her appearance to run for office. She cut inches off her hair to look younger, wore 3-inch heels to conceal her shortness and spouted statistics to establish her knowledge and the importance of issues.

"I had to smile politely when a woman told me I didn't look nearly as heavy in person as I did on television," Lawless said.

Lawless said the public needs to identify sexist behavior and encourage more women to run for office, particularly young girls in high school and college

Stranger than Fiction soundtrack out Nov. 7

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 /PRNewswire/ -- Columbia Records/Sony Music Soundtrax will release Music From The Motion Picture Stranger Than Fiction on Tuesday, November 7.

"Stranger Than Fiction," the much-anticipated Columbia Pictures release starring Will Ferrell, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Dustin Hoffman, Queen Latifah and Emma Thompson, opens nationwide on Friday, November 10.

Music From The Motion Picture Stranger Than Fiction features four songs from the groundbreaking alternative pop/rock band Spoon including a brand-new track composed especially for the film, "The Book I Write," as well as "The Way We Get By," one of the most popular tunes in the Spoon repertoire.

"When I was approached to do the music for 'Stranger Than Fiction,'" writes soundtrack album producer Brian Reitzell (Redd Kross, soundtracks for "Marie Antoinette," "Lost In Translation," "Virgin Suicides," "Thumbsucker") in his liner notes for the album, "I thought it might be the perfect occasion for Britt Daniel (singer/songwriter of Spoon) and I to collaborate ... I was basically scoring the film with Spoon songs - it created a kind of sonic thread that had just the right amount of nervy melody and rich, simplistic tone I thought suited Zach's story and Marc's vision of the film. The actual 'job' of scoring that Britt and I were so excited about doing together became a much easier task since the existing and newly remixed music worked so well. For this soundtrack album, it seemed appropriate to include the full vocal versions of the songs so you can hear them in all their glory as the band originally intended."

The tracklisting for Music From The Motion Picture Stranger Than Fiction includes:

1. SPOON The Book I Write
2. MAXIMO PARK Going Missing
3. WRECKLESS ERIC Whole Wide World
4. BRITT DANIEL / BRIAN REITZELL Flours
5. SPOON The Way We Get By
6. DELTA 5 Mind Your Own Business
7. CALIFONE Bottles & Bones (Shade & Sympathy)
8. BRITT DANIEL / BRIAN REITZELL Writer's Block
9. SPOON My Mathematical Mind
10. VANGELIS La Petite Fille De La Mer
11. THE JAM That's Entertainment (demo version)
12. THE UPSETTERS Dubbing In The Back Seat
13. BRITT DANIEL / BRIAN REITZELL Auditor
14. SPOON Vittorio E
15. M83 In Church (Cyann & Ben Version)

Columbia Pictures and Mandate Pictures' "Stranger Than Fiction" is an inventive comedy about a novelist (Emma Thompson) struggling to complete her latest, and potentially finest, book - she only has to find a way to kill off her main character, Harold Crick, and she'll be done. Little does she know that Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) is inexplicably alive and well in the real world and suddenly aware of her words. Fiction and reality collide when the bewildered and hilariously resistant Harold hears what she has in mind and realizes he must find a way to change her (and his) ending.

Dixie Chicks "taking the long way" home with deluxe edition of CD, US tour

NEW YORK, Oct. 11 /PRNewswire/ -- Open Wide/Columbia Records will release a newly-expanded deluxe edition of Taking The Long Way, the latest chart-topping multi-platinum-selling album by the Dixie Chicks, on Tuesday, November 14.

The expanded edition of Taking The Long Way comes in a deluxe six-panel digi-pak with a 24 page booklet. The package also includes a new DVD featuring five live performances -- "Taking The Long Way," "Easy Silence," "Voice Inside My Head," "Truth #2," and "Wide Open Spaces" -- from the Dixie Chicks' AOL Sessions; the record-breaking -- Most Weeks at #1 on VH1's "Top 20 Countdown" -- video clip for "Not Ready To Make Nice"; an in-depth interview with the album's producer Rick Rubin; and more.

The lives of the Dixie Chicks, on-stage and off, have been chronicled in the new documentary feature, "Shut Up & Sing," directed and produced by Academy Award-winning documentary director Barbara Kopple ("Harlan County USA" and "American Dream") and producer/director Cecilia Peck ("A Conversation with Gregory Peck").

"Shut Up & Sing" had its premiere at the Toronto Film Festival on September 12 and will open on select US screens on October 27, expanding nationwide on November 10.

Four weeks after its release on May 23, Taking The Long Way achieved a platinum (for sales of 1,000,000) certification by the RIAA, bringing the group's career total up to 41 gold, platinum and multi-platinum certifications, including two RIAA Diamond Awards.

The U.S. platinum success of Taking The Long Way was echoed in similar chart-topping sales figures around the world. Taking The Long Way debuted at #1 (and remained in the top slot for four weeks) in Canada (2x platinum), and at #2 in Australia (platinum). The album debuted at #8 in New Zealand, where it's been certified gold.

Released in Europe on June 12, Taking The Long Way quickly crossed the two million mark in sales worldwide with the album hitting the Top 10 in Sweden (peaked at #1), Australia (#2), Germany (#5), Europe (#6) Switzerland (#6), Ireland (#7, gold), Norway (#7), Austria (#8), and the UK Top 75 (#10, gold). In every market in which it's charted, with the exception of New Zealand and Ireland, Taking The Long Way achieved the highest-charting debut numbers of any album in the Dixie Chicks' career.

When Taking The Long Way debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top 200 best-selling albums chart the week of its release, the Dixie Chicks became the first female group in chart history to have three albums debut at #1, breaking the record the Chicks established in 2002 when the group's last studio album, Home, debuted at #1 and made them the first female group ever to have two albums debut at #1.

With the #1 debut of Taking The Long Way, the Dixie Chicks became the first female group in chart history to have three studio albums occupy the #1 slot on the Top 200.

In addition to occupying the #1 spot on the Billboard 200 for two weeks in a row, Taking The Long Way spent six weeks running as America's #1 Top Country Album and was the nation's #1 Top Digital Album.

Taking The Long Way is produced by Rick Rubin (Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Run-DMC) and features fourteen new songs co-written by the Dixie Chicks.

Having sold more than $100 million worth of concert tickets during their career, the Dixie Chicks are one of the most popular live acts in history. The Dixie Chicks are on the road this fall with their "Accidents & Accusations Tour" in support of Taking The Long Way.

DIXIE CHICKS TOUR DATES

11/28/06 Omaha, NE Qwest Center
12/01/06 Nashville, TN Gaylord Entertainment Center
12/02/06 Atlanta, GA Philips Arena
12/04/06 Austin, TX Frank Erwin Center
12/05/06 Dallas, TX American Airlines Center

Aerosmith: back in the saddle again

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 /PRNewswire/ -- Columbia/Universal will release Devil's Got A New Disguise: The Very Best Of Aerosmith on Tuesday, October 17.

A definitive career-spanning collection of absolute high points from America's Greatest Rock & Roll Band, Devil's Got A New Disguise: The Very Best Of Aerosmith is the first-ever single disc Aerosmith collection to include signature songs from the group's Columbia Records and Universal Music Enterprise catalogs.

As an added bonus for Aerosmith fans, Devil's Got A New Disguise: The Very Best Of Aerosmith includes two brand-new never-before-heard future Aerosmith classics -- "Sedona Sunrise" and "Devil's Got A New Disguise" -- and the "Pop Mix" of "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing," the band's power-anthem from the 1998 blockbuster film "Armageddon."

About Aerosmith:

For more than 30 years, Aerosmith has defined the essence of American Rock & Roll. Even a brief overview of the group's remarkable career is truly mind-boggling: over 100 million albums sold, induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, countless awards (including four Grammy Awards, eight American Music Awards, six Billboard Awards, and 12 MTV Awards), and a fanatically loyal fan-base numbering in the millions worldwide. The members of Aerosmith -- Steven Tyler, Joe Perry, Brad Whitford, Tom Hamilton and Joey Kramer -- remain creatively vital and continue to set the platinum standard for artistic and commercial success in the music business. Over the past thirty years, Aerosmith has earned 95 gold, platinum and multi-platinum certifications from the RIAA for the group's albums, singles, and videos.

Aerosmith "Route Of All Evil Tour" with Motley Crue

Sat 10/21 Virginia Beach, VA Verizon Wireless
Mon 10/23 Raleigh, NC Alltel Pavilion
Thu 11/2 Mountain View, CA Shoreline Amp
Sat 11/4 Las Vegas, NV MGM Grand Arena
Wed 11/22 Tampa, FL Ford Amphitheatre
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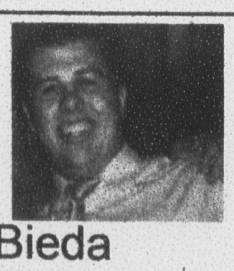

Vote Travis Bieda and Jessica Cooper for Homecoming King and Queen!

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Calendar

October 20, 2006
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Women's Tennis at PAC Tournament in Erie
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
12:15 PM Christmas Break Work Trip Organizational Meeting -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
12:50 PM Distinguished Music Alumni Lecture: Leslie Imse, Winner of the 2005 Connecticut Choral Director of the Year Award -- Patterson 51
3:15 PM Distinguished Alumni Lecture -- Dr. Amy D. Herschell, Class of '95, "Bridging Science and Clinical Practice: Implementing Evidence-Based Treatment for Children in Community Settings" -- Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
4:15 PM Distinguished Alumni Guest Speaker: Rev. David Dawson -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:30 PM Distinguished Alumni Lecture: Dr. Garth Patterson, Class of '96 -- Hoyt Science Center 152
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
9:00 PM Titan's Tavern -- Brandon Hewitt and Springhill -- MCC Club/Lounge

October 21, 2006
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Women's Tennis at PAC Tournament in Erie
Volleyball at Washington and Jefferson/Point Park
1:00 PM Men's Soccer at Thomas More
1:30 PM Football vs. Bethany (H) -- Burry Stadium
3:00 PM Women's Soccer at Thomas More
8:00 PM DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) -- MCC Club/Lounge

October 22, 2006
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
1:00 PM Men's Soccer at Mount St. Joseph
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Dedication Ceremony for Sandy Edmiston Meditation Labyrinth -- Field Station
3:00 PM Women's Soccer at Mount St. Joseph
3:00 PM WC Orchestra Concert -- Orr Auditorium
4:30 PM Volleyball Senior Roast -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7:00 PM Vespers -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

October 23, 2006
Mid-Term Grades Due for First-Year Students
PE2 Courses Begin
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
4:00 PM Westminster Community Book Discussion: The Glass Castle -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
6:30 PM Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force Training -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
8:30 PM Monday Night Football: New York Giants at Dallas -- MCC Club
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

October 24, 2006
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Blood Drive -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
6:30 PM Volleyball at Grove City
7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: Bride and Prejudice, 2004, England/India -- MCC Mueller Theater
9:00 PM ALLIES Flaming Karaoke Drag Show -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

October 25, 2006
11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Kathy Robertson, "In the Mind of a Fly" -- MCC Mueller Theater
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
1:30 PM Men's Soccer at Bethany
3:30 PM Women's Soccer at Bethany
5:00 PM Amnesty International Speaker -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
7:30 PM Faculty Jazz Concert -- Orr Auditorium

October 26, 2006
10:30 AM Celebrity Series Special Children's Show: Dorothy the Dinosaur's Dance Party -- Orr Auditorium
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
12:35 PM GET REAL!, "Financial Planning: Personal Finance and Understanding Investment, Part II"
5:00 PM International Cultures Club Fresh Finish -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB
6:30 PM Celebrity Series Special Children's Show: Dorothy the Dinosaur's Dance Party -- Orr Auditorium
7:00 PM Volleyball at Thiel
7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: Hubble Vision -- Hoyt Science Center 116
7:00 PM Gospel Choir -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night -- MCC Club/Lounge

Last Week's Answers

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Expect to have your work cut out for you this week in several areas of your life. Focus your effort and direct your energy toward achieving desired goals.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Look for an opportunity to play a major role in a business or financial undertaking. Make decisions based on what is correct or fair for everyone involved.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You could find yourself caught up in a spell of deception or under a cloud of wishful thinking. Play it smart and do not believe everything that you see or hear.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Pay attention to the directions or instructions of a colleague. When working together you will be able to tackle, organize or complete the toughest of tasks.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): The excitement or anticipation connected to change can become quite overwhelming. Take it slow to effectively handle each phase one at a time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You are encouraged to pick or choose a reasonable ambition to strive for. Do not allow your expectations to get too big for your abilities or talents.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Investigate special interests, gnawing questions or problems on a need-to-know basis. Avoid getting too upset over things you cannot control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): There is a lot of confusion and uncertainty surrounding your financial affairs. Eliminate the problems or commitments that drain instead of add to your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Sweeping changes are likely to blow through your life and upset your stability. Do your best to go with the flow and avoid fighting the inevitable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Stop yourself from burying your head while hoping and wishing that everything will be all right. Strive to be more realistic in your romantic or social affairs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You can be a calming force in the lives of your friends and loved ones. Step up to the plate, show some compassion and strengthen your leadership skills.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Be prepared for some unexpected developments in your career sector. An unconventional offer might be just what the doctor ordered.

Sorry, no Sudoku this week!

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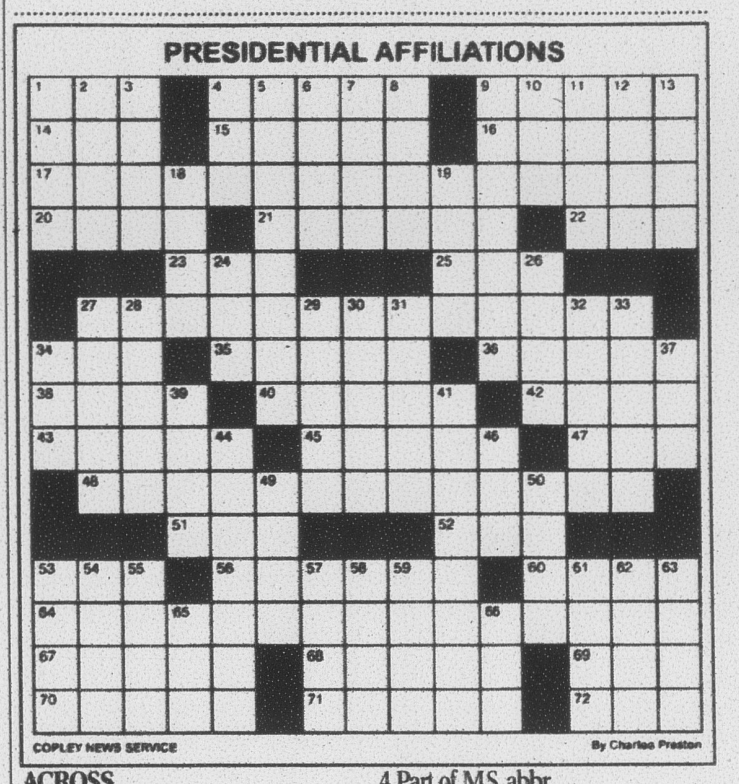

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52 Size above med.
53 Sculpture material
56 Laundry spots
60 Thames school
64 Tenet of James?
67 It's often bid
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12 Wear well
13 Fifth person
18 Snake dancers
19 Spongy toy material
24 Billing doc.
26 Upper pelvic bones
27 Seven-time AL batting champ
28 Island veranda
29 Cattaraugus County city
30 Closes in on
31 Heavy, rhythmical jazz dance
32 Lawful
33 Traditional letter closer part
34 Ka-pow!
37 Social news word
39 Woody's boy
41 Jester's headwear
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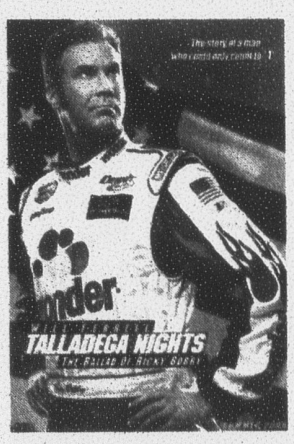

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Oct. 28 Night Owl Bowling
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Nov. 11 Lee Camp-Comic
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Dec. 8 Titan's Tavern-Valley Below, JD Eicher & Nikki Douglas

Features

Eighteen means legal adulthood, right?

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

An email was sent out the afternoon of Oct. 19 from the Registrar's Office with a red envelope, signaling its high priority in and relevance to students' lives. After eating and taking care of a few loose ends in the Campus Center, I came to *The Holcad* office to check on a few more and finish preparing for this edition.

Noting the urgency of the message from Ms. June Pierce, I checked the subject lines and realized it pertained to the new apparent replacement for WebStudent called Campus Connect. I opened the message and found a link and instructions on how to enter the system and saw the spring 2007 schedule of classes.

The class schedule that I've heard gripes about, people. You know, the one you wanted to see before leaving for break. My break was lovely, by the way; I slept in Cleveland Hopkins International because I stupidly booked a connecting flight on Friday the thirteenth. But that's irrelevant.

Instead of printing the entire course schedule- as only a fraction of the courses offered are applicable to my major and minor, and only slightly more are of particular interest to me- I copied and pasted the ones that appealed to me so that I could check them out at another time. Most likely it would be at 1 a.m., after responding to a multitude of emails and posts in my dreaded nine shared folders, as well as *The Holcad*'s account.

I can only imagine the horror experienced by some who do not check their email regularly every day when they finally muster up the impetus to do so. I sometimes wait until 11:30, after my only class on Mondays ends, and am astounded at the sheer volume of messages I've received, increasingly from people with whom I actually need to maintain contact with and must handle, regarding internship opportunities or clarifications of prior activities. Junior year is not the fairest of them all.

I will continue to protect individuals' reputations by not providing names or other forms of identifying information.

I spoke with two people Thursday afternoon who did not know what the email was regarding, what the system I was accessing was, nor how I found out about it. These two are not slackerly types; they are good students- and seniors who I would have guessed were likely to have figured out the game by now.

How are the freshman, who have barely left home, ever going to handle such necessary matters? They hardly understand what WebStudent is, let alone the use of both systems now to try to go through the registration process and schedule for the first time.

This summer, as I completed paperwork necessary to receive credit for my internship, I came up with projects that enabled me to relate a position within Social Security with English. This proves my trickery level is This is not just my own observation; I have had a few chuckles with adults in the business office, secretaries of departments and staff in general on-campus about the lack of student awareness of resources and offices on campus.

To offer a specific, relevant example: upon receiving a loan check at the beginning of this semester, I received an email (surprise, surprise) from a member of the business office directing me to the appropriate window to report to, the hours the office would be open, and the phone number I could contact her at to clarify any further information I might need before coming to the office.

I wondered if perhaps there had been a change in the campus structure that would necessitate such detailed information for a simple transaction, but I went to where I thought I needed to go (the window on the second floor of Old Main, near the chapel) and the email seemed to agree, where I was able to locate the correct person and take care of my business. In the business office. Go figure.

While she printed a receipt for the transaction, she asked if she'd given good enough instructions for me to take care of it. I told her that I hadn't really needed them at all, because I already knew where to go for it. She explained that some people have a hard time with such messages so she had to give explicit instructions citing that many usually didn't know what was going on when it came to important matters because of Mom and Dad.

Somehow I knew what she was going to say. I said the last phrase at the same time.

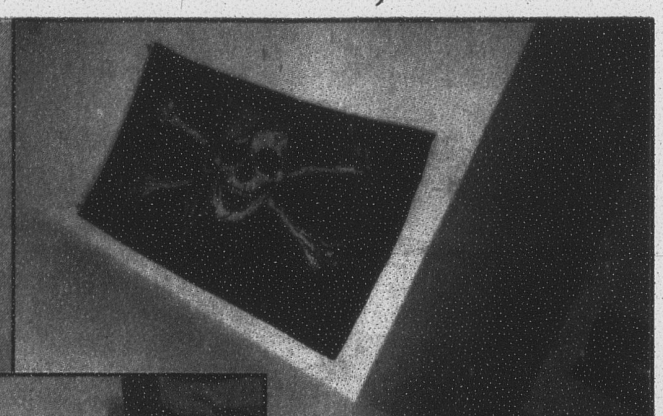
Check your email, people. Start taking care of as much of your own business as you can now, so it's not such a daunting precipice when you graduate. You might also stop being treated as such a child by the population at large, myself included.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who will just be glad when Homecoming is over.

WC Cribs

This week, Features Editor Jenn Corkadel takes us to Matt Kerns' humble abode, Berlin 6

A prize from Zeta Tau Alpha's Chinese Auction at Shoot for the Cause, this African panther statuette overlooks the kitchen and keeps the townhouse safe. "It's really valuable and came with a certificate of authenticity," Kerns says.

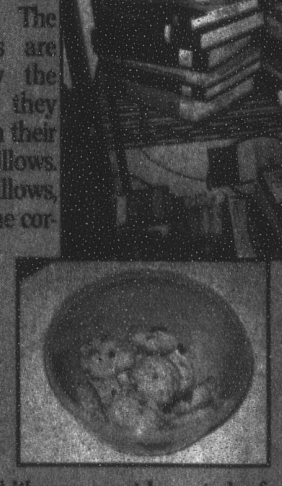


Contrary to popular belief, young men do not live on condiments and Mountain Dew alone. They also subsist on spices and seasonings. In all seriousness, the guys prepare meals on a semi-regular basis, usually stopping in the TUB to fill in the gaps. They also clean, keeping their newly constructed home in good shape.

This pirate flag hangs near an and one seen from the stairs and upper level. "We're pirates," Kerns explains. All four roommates being members of the swim team, a banner with autographs and quotes from Olympic swimmers the team's worked with as well as the team itself will soon hang here as well.

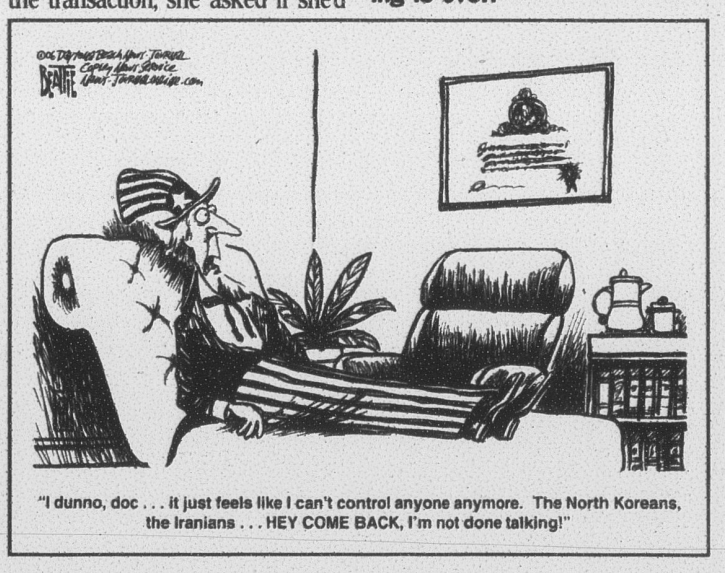
In his free time, he's teaching himself how to play the mandolin through books and DVDs. "I already know how to play the guitar," he shrugs, "I taught myself."

The living room Kerns shares with Pat Smith, Ryan Trunk, and Adam Rady. The brown sofas are provided by the college, but they came up with their own real pillows. Not fake pillows, mind you. The corner tree pulls the room together. Further investigation of the cookie jar reveals oatmeal raisins.

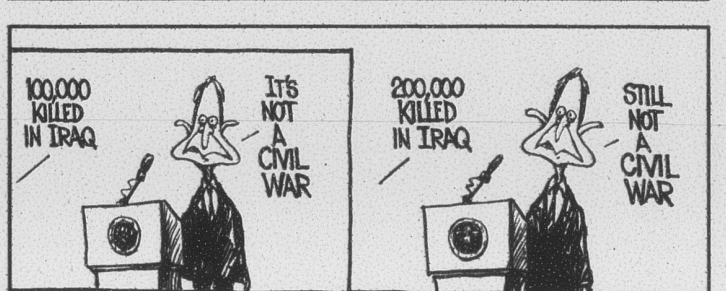


Think history majors have it easy? Think again. Kerns' capstone project has taken over an entire shelf, not to mention prepping for the LSATs in his limited free time.

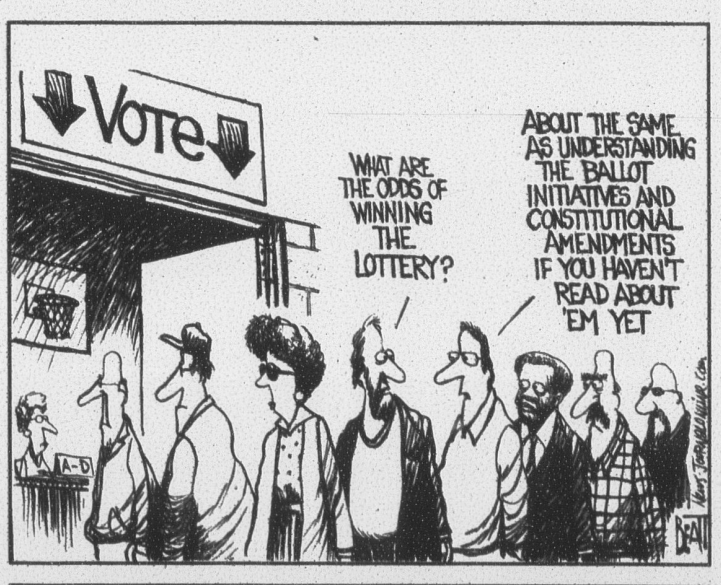
Is anyone else willing to subject their abode to this scrutiny? If you'd like your residence to be featured, let us know! Contact information for *The Holcad* is in the staff box on the Opinion page.



"I dunno, doc . . . it just feels like I can't control anyone anymore. The North Koreans, the Iranians . . . HEY COME BACK, I'm not done talking!"



"Just be glad they didn't discover oil as they were drilling to put the device underground."



A howling good time

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

This Saturday from 6:30 to 9:00 the Lawrence County Historical Society presents its first annual Halloween Open House at the Clavelli History Center at 408 N. Jefferson St. on top of the hill that overlooks New Castle.

The Historical Society has decorated the 1905 Clavelli Center–a mansion built by tinplate barons George and Alice Greer–in scary décor.

Folklore displays spread throughout the first floor concerning local folklore legends such as Mary Black, UFO sightings, ghost sightings, and the tale of the Green Man.

A candlelit tour of the second floor will visit exhibits on local histories concerning Native American history, Civil War history, Natural history, a Toy Display, and a history of Lawrence County's famous and native son, Ira D. Sankey.

The Historical Society's Executive Director, Bob Presnar, will produce a ghostlike environment when he reads scary excerpts from Edger Allen Poe's "A Tell Tale Heart" and "The Raven" in the eerie, old, low-lit mansion.

Children of all ages can also find entertainment by making ghosts, scarecrows, and Frankenstein monsters at the Society's craft corner.

Those attending will receive free treat-bags from the Historical Society, and Adult Literacy will also distribute free books.

Admission charges range from $5 for adults, $2 for children over 12, and free for children under twelve. The Historical Society also has sponsors from the Caroline Knox Memorial Trust fund, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the County of Lawrence,

"I'm looking forward to a good turn out," Presnar explained. "It's our first attempt at a Halloween function. Throughout the year we teach about Lawrence County's history, but now we get to celebrate the county's eerie past in a fun way that makes history accessible and enjoyable for those of any age."

Both children and adults can come visit this event at any time between 6:30 to 9:0 p.m.. For further questions, or if any students wish to read excerpts from scary tales, call Presnar at 724-658-402

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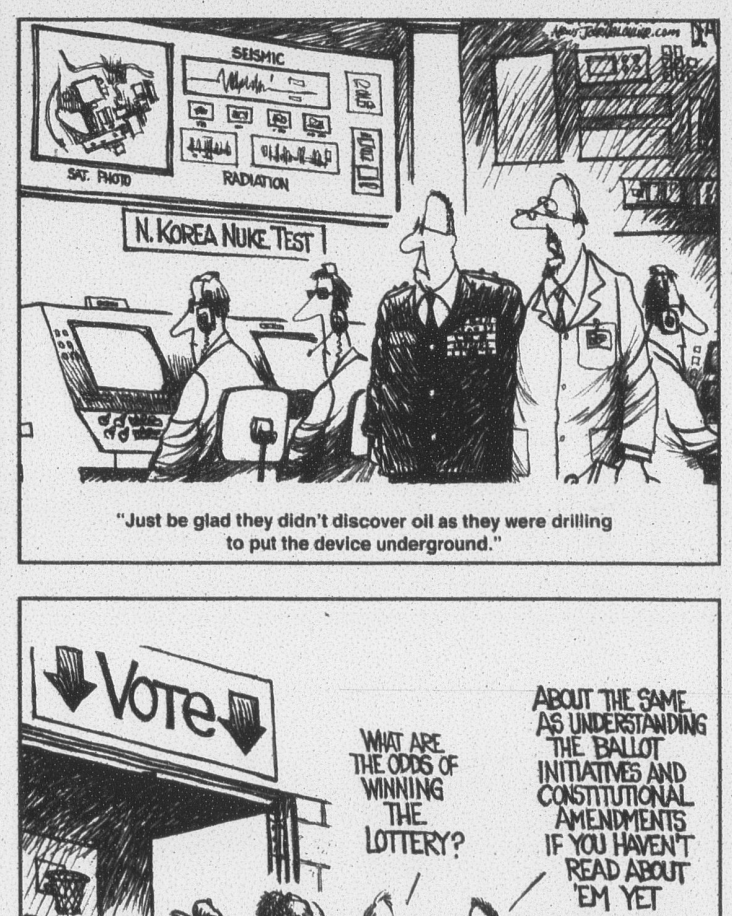

"They're serving healthier food. If you want something sweet, syrupy and sugarcoated we'll have to watch one of the movies."

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Source: Beth Brooks

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Linnelli & Cunningham crowned

By Mandie Zoller
Campus Writer

This past weekend numerous homecoming festivities took place on campus, including the crowning of a new king and queen, the revealing of the Titan mascot, and a victorious football game.

All elements of homecoming were assembled by several student organizations such as Lambda Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega, Alumni Affairs, Panhellenic Council, SGA, and Campus Programming Council. Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Camille Hawthorne, stated that without the hard work put forth by these student organizations, Homecoming would not have been as successful as it was.

"I think all of the students did an amazing job putting together the homecoming activities," Hawthorne said. "I just stayed in the background and let the students run the show."

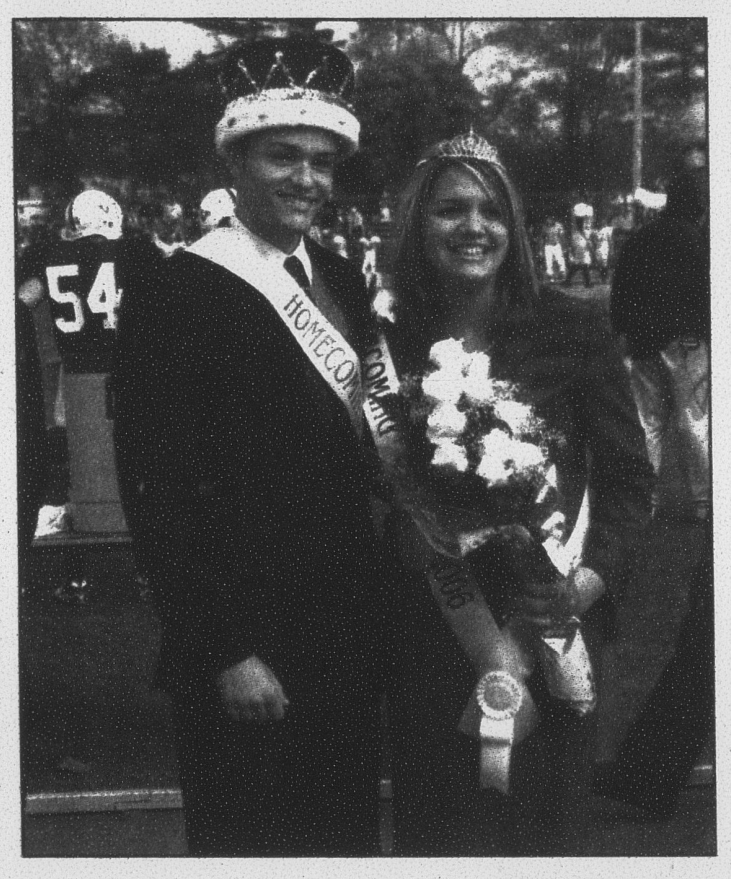
Homecoming weekend began early with activities, such as the revealing of the titan mascot during the pep rally on Thursday evening. After the pep rally, Phi Mu presented "Stand Up, Stand Off," a stand-up comedy contest for students on campus to benefit their philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network. Friday night followed with the Westminster Swim Team, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Kappa sponsoring a philanthropy event for Rich Sentner, an alumnus from '91, held at CiCi's Pizza in New Castle.

The homecoming parade commenced Saturday morning on Market Street with nursery rhyme themed floats built by the members of Greek organizations. The floats were judged by alumni from '56 and other faculty. Winners were announced during half-time at the football game.

Several alumni and current students watched the Titans trounce the Bethany College Bison in Saturday's game. During half-time, Phi Mu was announced as the winner of the homecoming float competition. Gene Cunningham and Ashley "Cubbey" Linnelli were declared the 2006 Homecoming king and queen, respectively.

"The entire court was a fantastic group and I enjoyed spending time with them," Cunningham, the representative for Theta Chi said. "It felt great representing my fraternity and I'm honored that I had so much support."

The weekend concluded on Saturday evening with Alpha Phi Omega's Dance Dance Revolution competition held in the Berlin Lounge. Hawthorne felt that each event occurring this past weekend was a tremendous success for several student philanthropies and the campus overall. Plans for next year's homecoming will commence in the spring.



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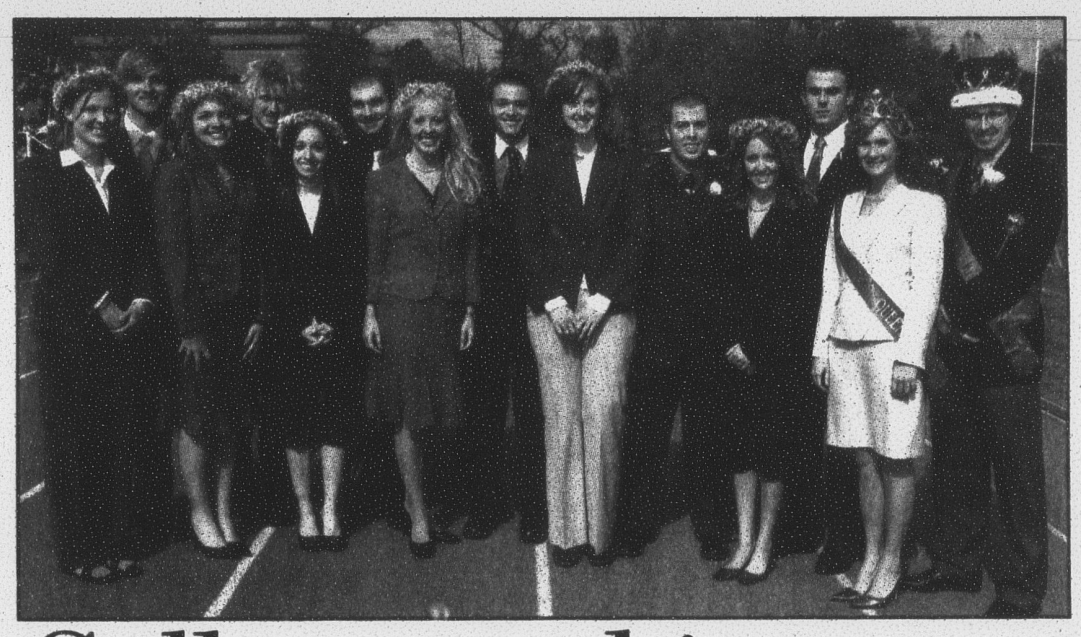
Above: Zeta Tau Alpha's Cubbey Linnelli and Theta Chi's Gene Cunningham were crowned during halftime. Below: The members of Homecoming court gather at the track with last year's winners.



SGA inducts Parker as first ever Diversity Chair

By Hugh Hothem and Akesha Joseph
Staff Writers

Increasing the awareness of diversity on this campus is something that has become a high priority in the recent years. On Thursday October 26, 2006 the senators of Student Government Association made large steps in making that priority a reality. Joselyn Parker was sworn in by the SGA senate to fulfill the College's first Diversity Chair.

The idea for an additional chair to the executive slate was apart of the campaign platform of Ryan Trunk, vice-president of SGA. The Diversity Chair shall be responsible for, but not limited to, promoting existing diversity on campus and encouraging future diversity. This includes attending meetings of existing diversity groups, and reporting back to the senate. It will also serve as a liaison between the college's minority student organizations and the Westminster Community.

"I feel extremely honored to be given the opportunity to be the first Diversity Chair on Westminster's campus. This was something I feel is completely necessary if we truly want to see growth," Parker said.

Her involvement with the H.E.A.R (Help Educate Against Racism) committee, Black Student Union, Diversity Symposium, and high faculty recommendations made Parker an ideal candidate for the position.

"I want the campus as a whole to realize that this is not something that was created to benefit black students; this position was made to benefit all students, but mainly those who feel like they are underrepresented on this campus," Parker explains.

Westminster College's diversity currently ranks extremely low in relation to similar schools according to U.S. News & World Report diversity rankings. The administration wants to see that number rise in future years.

Joselyn Parker was sworn in as SGA's first Diversity Chair at the SGA meeting on Oct. 26.

Some of the things that Parker plans on doing are:

•Work with the Finance Chair to use Westminster's anti-discrimination clause to allocate money

•Design and order "Hate is not a Westminster value" stickers

•Attend Diversity Symposium meetings

•Create a minority resource page on SGA website

•Have representatives from student organizations which focus on diversity attend SGA meetings to explain what their organization does and any additional concerns

•Meet weekly with the Vice President of SGA to assess progress and productivity

•Work with Titan Radio 88.9 to provide diverse musical styles and formats that better represent and/or promote diversity on campus

•Work with athletic department to include a diversity statement in the Good-Sportsmanship Clause

"Because diversity is on the rise, not only here but in the world, I think that it is important for this community to realize its value," said Parker. "It's my first year, so I can't promise that everything is going to be perfect, but I can say that from my freshman year until now, this campus has made enormous strides in the right direction, and I'm just happy to be a part of it."

College working to improve accessibility

By Katie Chandley
Staff Writer

Changes are being made on campus everyday, but some of the best changes have been to make Westminster more handicap-accessible.

Braille has been added to campus signs, more handicap spaces have been added to parking lots and an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant suite has been created in Galbreath Hall. Old Main now houses an elevator, and in the future, students will encounter automated doors and other renovations that will allow students of all physical abilities to attend class and live on campus more easily.

The Office of Disability Support Services, directed by Mrs. Bonnie Van Bruggen, was opened in 2004. Certified as a rehabilitation counselor, Van Bruggen is also licensed as a professional counselor in Pennsylvania. The office works along with the college to make necessary changes on campus, such as the new Galbreath suite.

According to Van Bruggen, in order to transform an existing bedroom, like the one used in Galbreath, into an ADA accessible suite, "The bedroom has to have wider doors, electric and computer outlets at arms level when seated in a wheel chair, closets and dressers at a height that a seated person can hang their clothes or pull out drawers and desks that are wide enough for a wheel chair to fit under."

The typical dorm bathroom was not designed with wheelchair accessibility in mind, so a new adjoining bathroom was also created.

"A bathroom has to have a lot of space between the fixtures, enough room for turning a wheelchair, and a shower where the person can be seated or stand safely," Van Bruggen said. "Exact dimensions are prescribed by the ADA."

Why haven't these changes been made in the past; why did Westminster wait until recently to make the campus more accessible? Much of this can be attributed to changes in technology, legislature, and most importantly, the realization of many that disabled Americans are fully capable of going to college and holding complex jobs.

"Special education was not founded until 1975, and until then public schools did not prepare students with disabilities to enter the employment and post secondary experience," Van Bruggen said. "So buildings built even 20 or 30 years ago didn't have the 'handicap usage' that now exists."

But Van Bruggen feels that, "The most important change [in handicap accessibility] is not really visible. As more and more students are taught self-advocacy in the elementary and secondary school systems, more college students disclose that they have a disability to not only Disability Support Services, but to their professors and friends. This creates huge momentum."

Because both students with and without disabilities are becoming more comfortable with each other, disabled students have more opportunity today to live a "normal" life than ever before.

According to Van Bruggen, "One out of every 10 students on campus has some kind of documented disability that affects their lives in some substantial way."

Just by acting with respect and compassion, every student on campus helps to make life easier and more enjoyable for this small 10 percent of the Westminster population. More specifically, Van Bruggen has seen students volunteer to take notes for or tutor a disabled student when asked; also, many might help students travel from class to class.

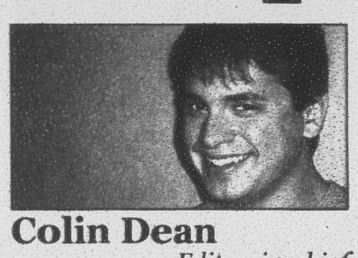
"Sometimes just being willing to spend a little time at lunch or doing something fun with a person with serious challenges can be very meaningful," Van Bruggen said.

Photo by Katie Cheandley

The Office of Disability Support Services has made a huge effort to make the college more handicapped-accessible.

Opinion

E-mail etiquette should be effortless



Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

Campus-wide emails are obviously a great way for an organization to get its message out to the campus community.

Campus-wide emails are free, posters and flyers are not. Campus-wide emails can be written and sent quickly, while posters and flyers take precious time to produce, print and post.

Every one with an @westminster.edu account gets the emails, even though it's up to each individual person to actually read the emails. If you're lucky, a few people may actually take notice of your poster or flyer. They might even read it if they're not in a hurry or walking with someone.

As easy and fun as campus-wide emails can be, there are some finer points of email etiquette that many students, faculty and staff fail to follow. Conversely, there are others of this group that are wonderful and whose emails are incredibly easy to read and informative, even if I'm reading an email that doesn't apply to me in any way, shape or fashion.

Make sure you use proper punctuation. Commas, while the bane of many, can be your friend, separating your sentences with a visual breath mark, keeping your sentence organized and readable. There is no excuse for ending a question with a period. None. Ever.

Avoid using lots of font changes. Size, color and face should be uniform with emphasis here and there. Bold and italics are acceptable, but should be used with great care.

Avoid using HTML-formatted emails. Most of the time, a plain text version of your email is included with the HTML formatted one. This means that most people will never see all the neat fonts and colors that you used.

Use asterisks as a visual bolding cue. *This is bold!*

Use slashes as a visual emphasis/italics cue. /This is emphasized!/

Use a proper signature. What is a proper signature, you ask? It's a few lines that contain two dashes on the first line, your name on the next and your position on the last. You can also throw your company (well, Westminster College for us) on the line after that. Other contact information may follow. If you want to put a quote on the last line, that's fine, but make sure that it's short, G-rated and not on something controversial like politics, religion or your computer operating system preference.

Check the size of your attachments. All too often do I find in my mailbox enormous attachments. Pictures are the most common culprit, with PDFs not far behind. If you don't know how to check the size of a file, ask someone. Huge files take forever to download on slower connections (remember, not everyone lives on-campus!).

Try to target your emails to the correct audience. Use the lists that are provided by Information Systems. These lists have groups like "all freshmen," "all juniors" and "all faculty." The most important one is "all campus"–some people have rules set so that emails to the all-campus list go to a certain folder in their cabinet. Telling people to ignore a message if it doesn't apply to them is very tacky and is one of the biggest reasons I find campus-wide emails annoying.

This is a big one: keep your paragraphs separated. Write two or three sentences in each paragraph and leave a space between each paragraph.

Keep your sentences short and simple. The more elaborate your email vocabulary, the more your readers have to think to understand just what it is you're trying to say. Consider your words carefully.

Make sure that you have all the information (who, what, where, when and why) and that it's all correct. Correction emails are even tackier than telling people to ignore an email if it doesn't apply to them and doubly so if the correction email applies to an email that didn't apply to them in the first place!

Use a subject line that says what's in the email. Don't trick people by using subjects like "READ THIS NOW" or "Guess what you can do!" It's not tacky–it's downright aggravating.

If you are replying a campus-wide email, make sure that you are replying only to the sender and not to everyone (reply all). This mistake, while bringing smiles to many a person's face because the person who replied said something personal or funny intended to be seen only by the sender of the email, is avoidable.

Colin is a senior computer science major with a penchant for journalism. He has read RFC 1855 and often wishes he hadn't. If you don't know what that is, Google will tell you, and you should read it, too.

An opinion on the development of an opinion

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

It's Friday, and you know what that means. If you do, could you fill me in on it?

I thought that this week I would do a column on the necessity of building repairs. I sat down, formed a thesis, and set to work on figuring out what I do and do not know on the subject.

Berlin Village is a beautiful place, and I sometimes wish that I lived there. Often I pass them as I head west toward Eich, which smells funny and is slightly dilapidated.

I then realized why the men's dorms are in such sorry shape. Men live in them. We cannot expect the Powers-That-Be to renovate a building that will look just as miserable in a year, can we?

In a roundabout way, I have just described the beginning phases of writing a cogent opinion essay.

More often than not, the opinions shared with me are unusable. They are either topics that have been done to death, or topics that have no solution. How does one fix diversity? How does one affect world peace? How does one keep idiots from screaming at locked entrance doors at 4 AM?

The simple answer is that one does not. I would like to see more people working towards a solution to these issues, but the problem is that there are no clear solutions.

Hence, some suggestions for those who wish to opine further:

· 1. Approach your opinion as you would a research paper. You have to start with a thesis, and then provide evidence. Do not be surprised if your opinion changes.

2. Try to approach both sides of the issue fairly at first. There is often a reason why things are the way they are, right or wrong.

3. If you are trying to convince the masses of something, break the issue into the smallest possible pieces and address each piece sequentially.

4. Offer a solution. If you cannot formulate a solution, then you have more researching to do.

5. Be nice. If I have to explain why, you might want to consider returning to Kindergarten.

If you must change the world, you must first figure out how to do so. Do not attempt to rally the troops and raise everyone's awareness without first deciding on what to do next.

Raising awareness is not an appropriate follow-up to raising awareness, unless, of course, the problem is that people are oblivious. In that case, good luck changing them.

I find that the best-spoken and most convincing opinions are the ones that have a solution outlined within them. Especially a solution that is simple enough for anyone to be part of it.

Bill is a senior computer information systems major. He enjoys tea, ska and cheesy science fiction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Life Outside of Amish Paradise: So Many Problems, So Few Solutions?

Many recent letters have addressed the myriad of issues facing the Westminster community.

Concerns have included low diversity, grade inflation, resource allocation, the Honors Program, apathy among faculty and students, the dangers of coddling, and the decline of academia. Some might argue that these are "dead-horse" issues and ought to be forgotten, while others would suggest that such discussions are intended to destroy the college.

The quest to improve is by no means a quest to destroy and should never be viewed in such a simplistic light.

We both earnestly feel that these and other issues still need to be addressed, even if there is an apathetic majority of students and faculty.

Yet in all of our theorizing, we have not provided a silver bullet to answer all the problems. Silver bullets don't exist, but each and every person has the potential to make the College better, if they only stand up and say something. Write to *The Holcad*, talk with faculty members, or speak with student representatives.

There is a false belief that the administration has some kind of death hold on the college. While so many faculty members may be paralyzed by untenured status and others by apathy, students have incredible freedom to voice their opinions without fear of retaliation.

In his opinion column last week, Bill Shondelmyer was right to question the lack of reaction to attacks on the liberal arts. However, it is a hasty generalization to assume that unhappiness with a flawed Inquiry structure could be equated to a desire to slowly dismantle the liberal arts. His "silent majority," their "short lived and nebulous" concerns and resultant desire for "peace and quiet" have allowed the denigration of the fundamental strength of Westminster College.

Perhaps the best way to improve Westminster College would be to raise expectations at the individual level. Apathy is an evil–but fatigable–mistress. Apathetic students and complicit administrators force the hand of those faculty members that do not wish to engage in coddling, grade inflation, etc.

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While so many faculty members may be paralyzed by untenured status and others by apathy, students have incredible freedom to voice their opinions without fear of retaliation.

It is amazing, in hindsight, what can be learned by stepping up and challenging yourself. As we take a step back, we want to leave you with the words of a wise professor: "Westminster will not challenge you; you have to challenge yourself to succeed."

Ben Nelson and Ray Walling
Class of 2006

Corrections to Article Regarding Young Presbyterian Scholars Program

While I sincerely appreciate the effort and time Kathryn Zetzer put into the article entitled, "YPS defined," I really must correct some of the information.

YPS has 39 first-year students from 8 different states. Nominees for the incoming class were from 21 different states, which is a number consistent with previous years. This year, so far, the nominees hail from 23 different states. There are 99 students who are recipients of the Young Presbyterian Scholarship in 3 classes, and they are as diverse as any student group on this campus.

The paragraph stating that the program was created 150 years ago is a bit mixed up with the second paragraph following it. The Program was created in 2002, when the College was celebrating it's 150th anniversary - but the statement that it was created as an affirmation of the Presbyterian Church's values of advancing the Christian life as well as scholarship - is entirely correct.

Thank you.
Blessings,

Carey Anne Meyer LaSor, '86
Coordinator, Young Presbyterian Scholars Program

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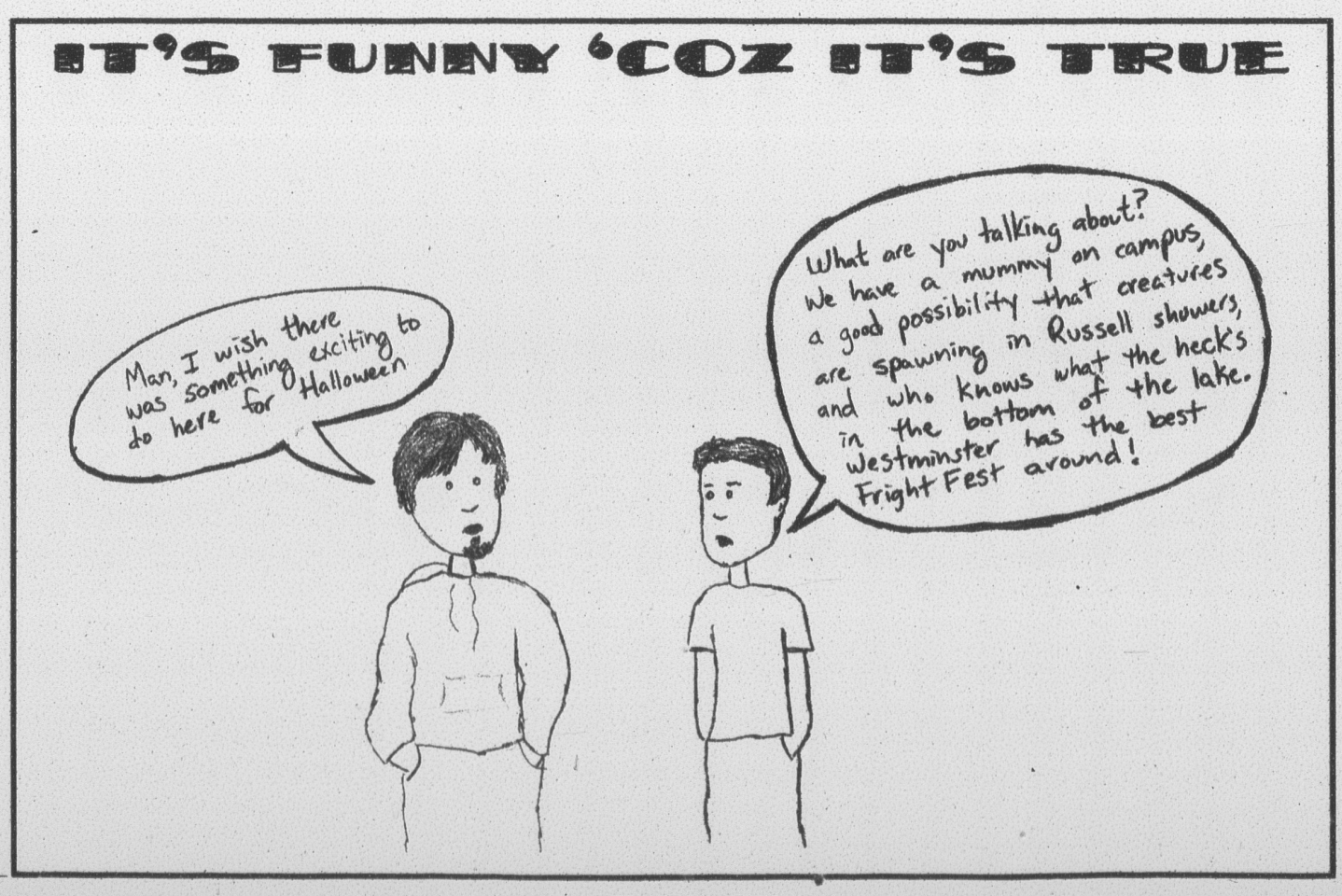

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

No smoking

More changes made to Allegheny County anti-smoking ordinance

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ Allegheny County Council has tweaked the anti-smoking ordinance it passed last month, exempting some smaller taverns from the ban.

Council voted 14-1 last month to apply the ban to all businesses, including taverns, bars and clubs, and allowed exemptions only for tobacco retailers, like cigar shops, or events staffed by volunteers.

But council voted Tuesday to exempt taverns with fewer than 10 employees and those making less than 10 percent of their money from food sales.

That exemption will expire Jan. 1, 2009, and those bars also will have to be smoke-free.

Council passed other amendments, including an agreement to conduct a study to determine the economic impact on businesses about two years after the ban goes into effect on Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh board member loses legal battle, plans to appeal

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ The head of a state board that oversees Pittsburgh's finances now has some financial problems of his own.

Henry Sciortino, head of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, lost a lawsuit filed by his former firm, Philadelphia-based Fairmont Capital Advisors, in Chester County.

Sciortino sued the company in 2004 when he left as CEO to head the Pittsburgh oversight board, claiming Fairmont still owned him money. The company countersued, claiming among other things that Sciortino mishandled money and stole business from the firm _ including his $168,000-a-year job on the oversight board.

A Chester County jury ruled Tuesday that Sciortino owes the company $717,000 plus interest.

Sciortino said he plans to appeal, and does not expect the verdict to affect his work on the oversight board.

"It hasn't been a distraction for the last two years," Sciortino said. "It's not going to be a distraction now."

NATIONAL

Energy drinks: a danger?

CHICAGO (AP) - More than 500 new energy drinks launched worldwide this year, and coffee fans are probably too old to understand why.

Energy drinks aren't merely popular with young people. They attract fan mail on their own MySpace pages. They spawn urban legends. They get reviewed by bloggers. And they taste like carbonated cough syrup.

Vying for the dollars of teenagers with promises of weight loss, increased endurance and legal highs, the new products join top-sellers Red Bull, Monster and Rockstar to make up a $3.4 billion-a-year industry that grew by 80 percent last year.

Nutritionists warn that the drinks, laden with caffeine and sugar, can hook kids on an unhealthy jolt-and-crash cycle. The caffeine comes from multiple sources, making it hard to tell how much the drinks contain. Some have B vitamins, which when taken in megadoses can cause rapid heartbeat, and numbness and tingling in the hands and feet.

The biggest worry is how some teens use the drinks. Some report downing several cans in a row to get a buzz, and a new study found a surprising number of poison-center calls from young people getting sick from too much caffeine.

Danger only adds to the appeal, said Bryan Greenberg, a marketing consultant and an assistant professor of marketing at Elizabethtown College.

Most brands target male teens and 20-somethings. Industry leader Red Bull, the first energy drink on the market, is now the "big arena band" of the bunch "teetering on the edge of becoming too big and too corporate," Greenberg said.

Greenberg said the fierce competition among hundreds of new drinks, with Austria-based Red Bull guarding the biggest market share, leads to a "ratcheting up" of taboo names as companies try to break out from the crowd.

Cocaine Energy Drink, which launched in September and now sells in convenience stores and nightclubs in six states, is the latest example, following a twisted logic set by drinks named Pimpjuice and Bawls.

Red Bull founder Dietrich Mateschitz based his product on tonics sold in Asia. He started selling Red Bull in 1987 in Austria, his native country, and today 2.5 billion cans are sold a year in more than 130 nations. The industry leader grabbed more than 37 percent of the U.S. market last year, according to Beverage Digest.

Rumors have swirled around Red Bull for years. Contrary to hearsay, the ingredient taurine (an amino acid important in making bile to aid digestion) is not made from bull urine, and Mateschitz did not learn about Red Bull from rickshaw drivers in Thailand. The urban legends-debunking Web site http://www.snopes.com has a page devoted to exposing the false claim that Red Bull contains a banned substance linked to brain tumors.

Too late. Anheuser-Busch and Miller Brewing now produce several "energy beers" beer containing caffeine. And Red Bull and vodka mixed up by bartenders who call it a Friday Flattener or a Dirty Pompadour has been popular for a decade. On Red Bull's MySpace page, the product's 11,000 "friends" include alcohol products, which also have their own MySpace pages.

A Brazilian study found college students didn't feel as drunk as they actually were after drinking vodka and Red Bull. Their perception of their coordination and reaction time didn't match objective tests.

The potential for accidents and alcohol poisoning worries Dr. Sandra Braganza, a pediatrician and nutrition expert at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York. As she prepared to write an article about energy drinks for a pediatrics journal, she was surprised how little published research she could find on them.

"The truth is, we don't know what kind of effects these ingredients can have," Braganza said of taurine, glucuronolactone and guarana. "We have to start doing more studies on this."

How much caffeine do energy drinks contain? A University of Florida study found that some products, although served in cans two-thirds the size of a standard can of Coke, contain two to four times the amount of caffeine as that Coke. Energy drinks are unregulated in the United States, but the authors of the University of Florida paper suggest warning labels for them.

And now energy drinks are moving toward bigger cans with some products raising the caffeine content to gain a competitive edge, said John Sicher of Beverage Digest. The biggest, so far, is 24 ounces.

Parents should think twice before sending their children out the door with an energy drink, said Molly Morgan, a dietitian in upstate New York who consults with schools and talks to students, parents and coaches about energy drinks.

"My message to parents is moderation," Morgan said. "That means one can a day or less, and view it as a treat, not part of a daily routine."

Full of sugar and caffeine, energy drinks share the same health problems as soft drinks, she said. Some parents and coaches have bought the message that the drinks can enhance kids' performance in sports and increase concentration in school.

Carol Ann Rinzler, author of "Nutrition for Dummies," examined the labels of the top three energy drinks.

"The labels simply don't deliver all the facts," she said. "For example, while all list caffeine as an ingredient, and most tell you exactly how much caffeine is in the drink, they also list guarana, a caffeine source, as a separate ingredient but don't tell how much caffeine one gets from the guarana."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Class of 1956 Returns for Westminster's Homecoming

The Class of 1956 celebrated it's golden anniversary at Westminster during homecoming festivities this weekend. The Class of '56 also marked homecoming with a generously donation of seven bells needed for the Old Main Carillon.

The new Titan mascot also made his first public appearance in the annual homecoming parade. The parade took to Market Street on Saturday morning featuring floats from student organizations geared to the "Nursery Rhyme" theme. The Titan Marching Band along with the band from Wilmington Area High School kept the event moving along.

Mercer County Man Killed in Iraq

A Mercer County man died this week in Iraq while serving with his National Guard Unit. The Department of Defense reported Sgt. 1st Class Daniel A. Brozovich, 42, of Greenville, Pa., died Oct. 18 in Ashraf, Iraq. He died from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Armored Security Vehicle while on combat patrol. Brozovich was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 213th Air Defense Artillery, Spring City, Pa. Family members say Brozovich was on his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Brozovich is survived by his wife and son, a stepdaughter, and his parents.

Three other soldiers from Western Pennsylvania who were riding in an armored vehicle with Sgt. Brozovich were seriously injured in the explosion. They were taken to U.S. bases in Germany for medical treatment.

INTERNATIONAL

Photographer released after day in hands of gunmen

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - After a day in captivity, blindfolded by gunmen and forced to wear women's clothing as he was taken from place to place in Gaza City, an Associated Press photographer was released unharmed _ just the latest abduction in an increasingly chaotic territory.

Emilio Morenatti, 37, was brought late Tuesday to the office of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Morenatti looked tired after his daylong ordeal.

"I'm tired but happy to have come back because there were very anguished moments," he said.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh's office said in a statement that the identity of the kidnappers was known and they "would be pursued." No further details were given. The Palestinian government and main groups denounced the kidnapping, and officials blamed criminal elements.

A Palestinian security official said a doorman who worked at the Gaza apartment where Morenatti was staying had been detained on suspicion of tipping off the kidnappers. The official, Luay Sakka, said he hoped others involved in the abduction would also be apprehended.

The statements came from opposing forces in the strife-ridden territory. Haniyeh represents Hamas, which is running the Palestinian government, while Sakka is with Preventive Security, which is loyal to Abbas' Fatah. A power struggle between the two rivals has spilled over into violence in recent weeks.

Morenatti was kidnapped as he headed out of his Gaza City apartment Tuesday morning for an AP car, where Majed Hamdan, an AP driver and translator, was waiting. Hamdan said four gunmen grabbed his keys and phone and pressed a gun to his head, threatening to harm him if he moved.

Morenatti said he was kept blindfolded much of the time and that his captors spoke only Arabic, which he doesn't speak.

"I didn't know at any moment what they were doing," he said shortly after his release. "They moved me, but nobody explained anything to me. It was very confusing." Morenatti was the 11th journalist kidnapped in Gaza since 2004.

Political Pong: Rendell vs. Swann

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

I'm a Pittsburgh boy through and through. I love Primanti Brothers' sandwiches, the Inclines, and Heinz products. But most of all, I love my Pittsburgh Steelers with their 5 Super Bowl wins. One of my favorite players was Lynn Swann, and he deserves a lot of credit for helping the Steelers win some championships.

As much as I love my Steelers though, this is one time that I can't completely support them. Lynn Swann is the Republican candidate for governor and Edward Rendell, our current governor, is the Democratic candidate. Just like last week, Carsen and I will give you an overview of our respective party's candidate and his platform for the upcoming election.

Elected in 2002, Ed Rendell became the first person from Philadelphia to be elected as governor since 1914. Before becoming governor, Rendell served as the mayor of Philadelphia from 1992 to 2000. In the 90s, Philadelphia was having its fair share of problems and Rendell was able to turn Philadelphia around. Riding the success of his work in Philadelphia, Rendell made many improvements to the Pennsylvania's economy during his first term.

Nationally, one of the biggest issues is the economy. It should come as no surprise that the strength of the economy is one of the largest factors determining how citizens will vote this November. Rendell concentrated on the economy in his first term as governor and recent numbers show that unemployment has dropped since he took office in 2003. If reelected, Rendell plans to create more jobs as to keep Pennsylvania's unemployment rate at or below the national level.

Part of Governor Rendell's plan to build a strong economy is to strengthen education. Students who receive a good education will have skills that are in demand in the workforce. A smarter and more skilled workforce in addition to more jobs equals an economy that is stronger overall. Rendell increased funding for public education during his first term as governor and plans to continue if reelected. Another part of Rendell's education plan is to push high schools to set requirements on basic subjects so that students have a better base of knowledge to take into the workplace.

One bold move on Governor Rendell's platform is the proposition of a large property tax cut. This tax cut, however, will not decrease the amount of funds available to the state because Rendell supports the development of gambling areas in Pennsylvania. Many Pennsylvanians do partake in 'gaming activities' even though there is no gaming institutions in the state. Citizens are even willing to travel out of state for this luxury. Because there are no gaming areas inside the state, potential revenue that could be made from is being lost to other states. By allowing at least limited amounts of gambling in Pennsylvania, taxes can be cut because an alternative form of revenue will exist.

Another issue that is of significant importance to Rendell is health care. Rendell believes that making prescription drugs affordable to older Pennsylvanians should be a priority and will continue to work on legislation that moves Pennsylvania in that direction. Governor Rendell is also concerned with the environment and supports expansion of legislation originally created by former Governor Tom Ridge. Under this legislation, more money will be given to support national parks, beautify the rivers, and stabilize deserted mines.

As of now, polls are showing that Governor Rendell is leading against Swann; however, nothing can be certain until Election Day. Don't forget to vote!

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

Current Governor Ed Rendell v. former Pittsburgh Steeler Lynn Swann: no, not a Philadelphia v. Pittsburgh court case, but this year's Pennsylvania gubernatorial race. In case you forgot, Steve taught us last week that gubernatorial means governor. I know, everyone needs a reminder every once in a while.

It shouldn't be hard to convince you to vote for Swann. We're in the heart of Steeler country, and I know Steeler fans rally behind their team like no other fans in the world. What could be better than black and gold in office? Better yet, what could be better than a member of the Stillers representing the entire state of Pennsylvania?

It's better than the Terminator representing Hollywood, that's for sure.

Anyway, Lynn Swann actually has a political agenda beyond his past football career. He's a man with a plan.

Swann hopes to reform state government in 2006. Reform is a common theme in many states this November, but your friendly Pennsylvania Republican candidate has some specific goals.

First, get Rendell out of office. That's a pretty obvious goal, but problems can't be fixed if the instigator is still around.

Secondly, Swann wants to wait 72 hours before signing legislation to allow the public to comment. This could eliminate some shady party-line insider jobs the public doesn't know about until it's way too late. He'd also like to pass a state spending cap, forcing state programs to spend only the money they are allotted and keep the budget to a minimum. Swann wants to extend the lobbying ban (elected officials can't turn around and lobby their former colleagues) and make sure lobbyists disclose what they're spending to lobby all branches of state government.

For you education majors out there (which means most of you), Swann is very interested in upping the ante for Pennsylvania's education system. He wants to redirect funding specifically to programs and classroom instruction rather than school bureaucracies. The candidate wants to double the Educational Improvement Tax Credit. Children receive scholarships because the EITC is an incentive for companies to invest in schools. With more money available for a tax credit, more companies will invest, and more children can receive scholarships. Swann hopes to create EOZs, or educational opportunity zones, to specify school districts needing help and improve low-income and minority students' access to good schools. If low and moderate income families want to send their children to better schools, they could potential receive tax credits under the EOZ program.

Speaking of kids, Swann is a pro-life guy. He would extend rights to the unborn if that were possible (if Roe v. Wade were ever overturned). Abstinence education and fewer abortions are staples of his philosophy. Partial-birth abortions should be illegal, according to Swann; he also opposes using live human embryos for scientific experimentation.

The Republican candidate plans to concentrate on many other issues and hopes to execute other reforms while in office, like dividing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs into two separate offices, preserving a sportsmen's culture in Pennsylvania, and returning the Personal Income Tax to 2.8%.

Most importantly, he's a man who spent a significant amount of time in Western Pennsylvania. He knows your issues and your needs. Let's elect a local guy and let the east watch the Pittsburgh polka for a while, shall we?

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Blood drive a success

By Janie Ingersoll
Campus Writer

A total of 72 pints of blood were collected at the American Red Cross blood drive Wednesday, Oct. 24, closely matching the goal of 75 pints.

Student Affairs, which has sponsored the drive for the past 20 years, held the event in the McKelvey Campus Center club room from noon to 6 p.m. The blood drive was made possible with the participation from more than 108 students and faculty, 92 of which donated compared to last year's total of 89.

"I am amazed each year we hold the blood drive at the generous campus community members who give blood," Executive Secretary of student affairs and blood drive coordinator Beth Brooks said. "It is nice to be amazed over and over again."

The blood collected will not go to a specific cause like last year's event held in honor of professor Patrick Krantz to raise awareness for organ donation. The blood will be transported to Johnstown, PA where it will be processed and distributed to locations in need, such as blood centers. The blood is only used if a full unit was collected from the donor.

To show their appreciation, the Red Cross gave volunteers a free 'Harley Davidson look-a-like' Red Cross t-shirt. The t-shirts were not advertised to the campus in hopes that people would sign up to donate out of the goodness of their hearts. Sodexho contributed to the drive by providing free cookies and juices for volunteers during their recovery period.

"I have donated blood at least two times a year since I was a senior in high school," Senior Scott Davenport said. "I have always felt the need to donate because it is for a good cause and mainly because my grandmother receives blood every month."

While some students and faculty are repetitive blood donors, the event attracted 22 first-time donors.

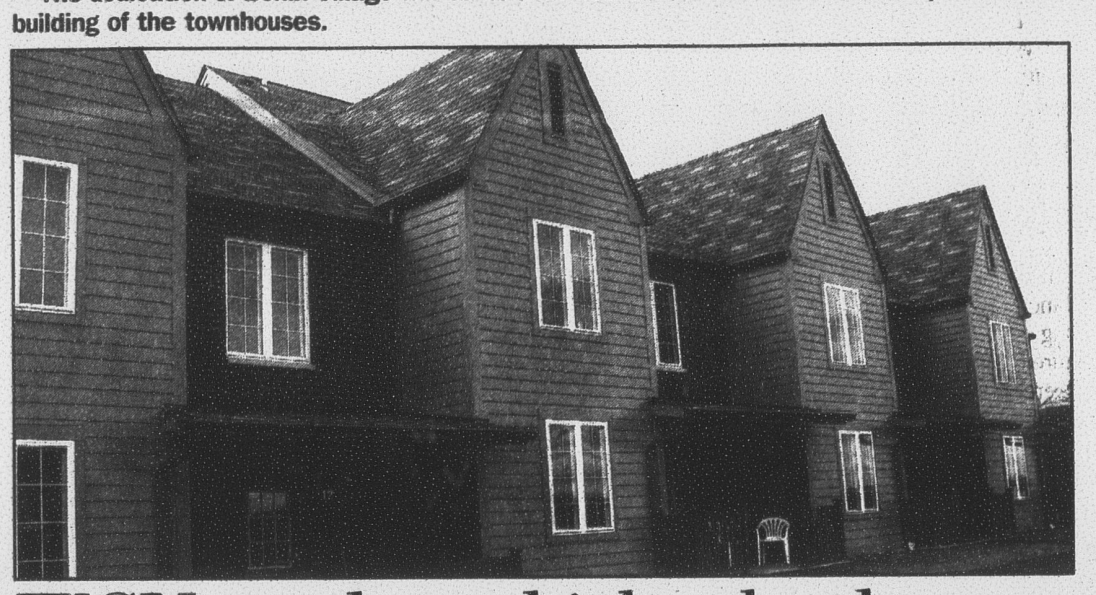
"I was so nervous to donate because I have a fear of needles," Junior Danielle Adams said. "I have tried to donate the past two years, but I was denied because I had a new tattoo one year and a high pulse last year."

Campus sorority members volunteered their time to assist the Red Cross and those giving blood. The girls helped with signing donors in, handing out juice and cookies and providing support for those in need.

Photos by Amanda Miller

Townhouses to be dedicated

The dedication of Berlin Village will be held on Oct. 27 to honor those who helped fund the building of the townhouses.



Students, faculty work to make campus SAFE

By Akesha Joseph
Staff Writer

Sexual Assault is not a term that people like to throw around on a daily basis.

But on this campus, like any other, it is an issue that many have thought about, and some have come face to face with. Students and faculty are working together to provide resources for students who have or think they may have become victims of sexual assault including both males and females.

Approximately 13 students and faculty participated in the Sexual Assault Task Force–First Contact Training Oct. 23.

The training was about 3 hours long and was conducted by Neal Edmund, dean of student affairs, John Lechner, assistant dean, and Babs Quincy, the college counselor. Task Force member trainees were trained in understanding the nature of such a crisis and interventional measures that can be taken for sexual assault victims. Trainees were educated in reporting incidents, investigations that take place on campus, and campus relations with the police and their investigations. Trainees are also prepared to make appropriate psychological, medical, and/or legal referrals. Though the trainees are not certified psychologist or counselors, they will serve on campus as first contacts for any student or a person that someone knows has been a victim of sexual assault.

In the past, sexual assault has not been a major issue for Westminster. According to College records, there were only two incident of forcible sex reported in 2003, two reported in 2004, and there were not any reported in 2005. However, there are indications that some cases may go unreported.

Though the numbers of incidents are relatively low, the Sexual Assault Task Force has and will continue to take all precautionary measures to ensure students continual safety on the campus, and provide every student with the necessary support and resources should an incident occur.

However, all students and any victim should note, reporting of the incident to authorities in entirely up to the student and that "enforcers do not insist that students go to the police or through the college judiciary system. They just want to be aware of the offender and the activities that take place," said John Lechner, Assistant Dean of Safety and Security.

To date, there are a total of 47 Sexual Assault Task Force Members, consisting of students, faculty, and administration.

A list of members is provided on the college website and can also be identified by the "SAFE" blue and yellow signs found on doors, offices, and dormitories.

WCN produces high school game

By Katie Franz
Campus Writer

Westminster broadcast students recently had the opportunity to produce a Wilmington vs. Sharon football game on the Pennsylvania Cable Network.

A staff of 14 students, Dr. David Barner, chairman of the department of communication studies, and Mr. Chuck Chirozzi, chief engineer at Westminster, worked to make this production a success. The game was recorded Oct. 20 and aired on PCN Oct. 21 at 9 p.m. This was the fourth time the PCN programming staff chose a Wilmington vs. Sharon broadcast as the game of the week.

"I am very pleased that Westminster has been chosen to produce the game of the week on PCN, which reaches about three million homes across the state," Barner said. "Westminster is one of the few colleges in Pa. to produce games on a weekly basis."

Westminster is the only college producing this type of broadcast this year. Other productions are by cable providers and television stations. The games of the week are chosen based on statewide interest in the game. Each season, cable providers send in the schedule of the games they plan to broadcast on cable and PCN games are chosen from that schedule.

"Both schools have good football programs, and these two schools are huge rivalries," Barner said. "It should be an exciting production."

Senior Mike Wolenski produced the program. He also created special features, such as graphics. Pam Marlowe, a junior broadcast communications major, directed the program. She made the decision of what would be aired and then told the crew what they needed to do to piece together a great show. The 12 other students were in charge of three cameras, audio, graphics, replays, statistics and announcements. Senior Alex Hines, junior Tom Benoit, sophomore Leah Hast and freshman Andrew Borts served as the camera crew. Sophomore Melissa Maines was in charge of audio. Junior Jill Carle handled the graphics. Sophomore Nicky Piszczor and sophomore Kristin Nikolaison were in charge of running replays and commercial breaks. Senior TJ Renninger managed team and game statistics. The announcement crew was comprised of sophomore Christina Roseto, junior Daniel Yokley and junior Chris Norris.

The broadcasting crew had past experience with Titan games and other high school games.

"This PCN game is a good chance to showcase what we have learned at Westminster thus far," Marlowe said. PCN believed that these students had the skills to create and run a good program smoothly.

Leading up to Friday night, Marlowe felt optimistic about the production. "I was a little nervous when they informed us PCN covers around three million homes in the state…but we have the potential to be great from what we have learned here at Westminster," Marlowe said. "This game offers me real world experience…so it is helpful in the learning process; I like football and I love the business of television, so it is pretty fun when you put them together."

Marlowe expected the crew's experience would be shown in the production.

The game was taped at the Wilmington High School football field. The Greyhounds trampled the Sharon Tigers with a score of 42-7. Wolenski felt that the production ran smoothly.

"The game went well; we had a few technical problems while we were setting up, but we got them resolved and put on a good production," he said.

Halloween organ concert to be held

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff Writer

The Halloween Organ concert will take place on Halloween night, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Students may dress up in costume to come hear organ students' music.

"Musicians tend to like to have fun with their music" said Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, who will be playing along side her students in the concert. "Because organists are usually playing in a serious atmosphere, such as at churches and recitals, being able to play for fun like this is a kind of release."

The organ concert has been held yearly since 2001, and has a different theme every year. This year the theme is "In the Dark of the Night." Even though the theme and most aspects of the concert change yearly, one thing does not change; junior Craig Dressler always appears in his role as the "Dirty Monk."

"Since my freshman year, the plot of my character has thickened and now usually involves audience participation of some sort; I never know what's going to happen" said Dressler. "Trying to keep a straight face during the concert is incredibly hard."

There are many surprises that occur throughout the concert, including surprise guests. One year, a performer showed up on a scooter coming down the aisle; another year, Hannibal stopped by for a brief visit.

This year promises to be the most technically challenging in terms of pieces to be played. There will be a wide variety of music from three centuries, starting with the eighteenth. The concert always begins with *Toccata* and *Fugue*, and then moves to various other organ pieces, most of which are traditionally played in churches.

"This concert helps promote the ideals of a liberal arts education in that it gets the students to look at the music in a different way" said Dr. Harrison. "It gives them more insight and meaning behind the performance."

SGA NOTES

SGA Minutes 10-26-06

- Discussed bringing back the tradition of ringing the Victory bell signifying a win in athletics.
- Soap and towels in resident halls are being looked into.
- New food selections are being added to menu in the TUB.
- Sign-ups for college bowl are taking place in the TUB. Four players to a team. Showcase your brain.
- Jeff Creveling came to speak about the inflations of food prices on campus. For more information please contact Kial Vidic.
- Be cautious of the information you put on Facebook.com. Incident reports can be filed if violations occur.
- Congratulations to Gene Cunningham and Ashley Linnelli for winning homing king and queen, respectively.
- Health Hours Resolution was approved without objection.

Health Center Hours Resolution

WHEREAS the Student Health Center provides basic health care and health education to all full-time students,

WHEREAS the Health Center's doctor's hours need to be at times that are convenient to students,

WHEREAS missing class for a medical appointment hinders the learning process,

WHEREAS quick and efficient visits benefit both doctor and patient,

WHEREAS it is important that the Student Government Association speak for the majority and promote the general welfare of students,

THEREFORE, we the Student Government Association of Westminster College move to change the Heath Center's Doctor's Hours to the following:

Monday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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* TUNA & CHEESE	$3.99	$6.25
* CHICKEN TENDER & CHEESE	$3.99	$6.25
* MEATBALL & CHEESE	$3.99	$6.25

TUNA SALAD ON A BED OF LETTUCE $4.59
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EXTRA CHEESE $.50 EXTRA MEAT $1.00 HOT PEPPERS & BLACK OLIVES $.30
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BOTTLED WATER $1.00 CANNED SODA POP $.80 ALL OTHERS $1.29
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"Hubble Vision" looks at outer space

Multimedia planetarium show continues

By Josh Hensler
Campus Writer

The Westminster Planetarium is putting on fall show titled "Hubble Vision" through Saturday, Oct. 28.

Director Dr. G. Samuel Lightner worked with the physics students putting together this multi-media planetarium show that presents some of the most exciting Hubble images ever captured alongside a captivating story of space exploration.

The production will examine major themes in current astronomy and cosmology as well as new views of the planets, star birth and death, as well as the exploration of start clusters and galaxies.

The show was originally created by Loch Ness Productions in 1990 and was updated in 1994. The production company then compiled the most popular images from the Hubble space telescope and combined them with a script describing what phenomena were captured in those images. The images were then transferred onto slides and made for planetarium use. Westminster bought a copy of the show (including script, narration, slides, and video) at the end of last school year and began adapting it for the planetarium's equipment at the beginning of the semester. A majority of the preparation involves programming everything into the computers. The students start by reading through the script and deciding where and when each image should be projected onto the dome. The information for each slide gets recorded onto cue sheets that will be entered into the computer. Cues corresponding to the different commands are then placed on the audio tape so that the computer will execute the specified action whenever a cue is present.

"I usually deal with the more technical aspects of putting the show together rather than actually designing a program," said Lisa Gayetsky, a junior physics major.

"Last year, however, we were re-showing an older production about Mars and had to make changes to the program to bring the show up to date," she said.

The planetarium has three different projection capabilities: regular projectors, panoramas, and All-Skies. Last year the planetarium received one of the projectors from a smart classroom for better video projection as well as a new DVD player over the summer to use with it. The students also plan on getting a laptop to use alongside the projector to expand its capabilities.

The Westminster Planetarium typically produces three shows a year that are free and open to the public. In addition to the public shows, Dr. Lightner and the students also produce shows for the surrounding communities' schools, ranging from preschool through high school. They also host a number of planetarium programs for local scouting groups.

All showings are at 7:00 PM, and will be presented in the planetarium located in Hoyt Science Resources Center, room 116. For more information contact the secretary of the Physics department at 724-946-7200.

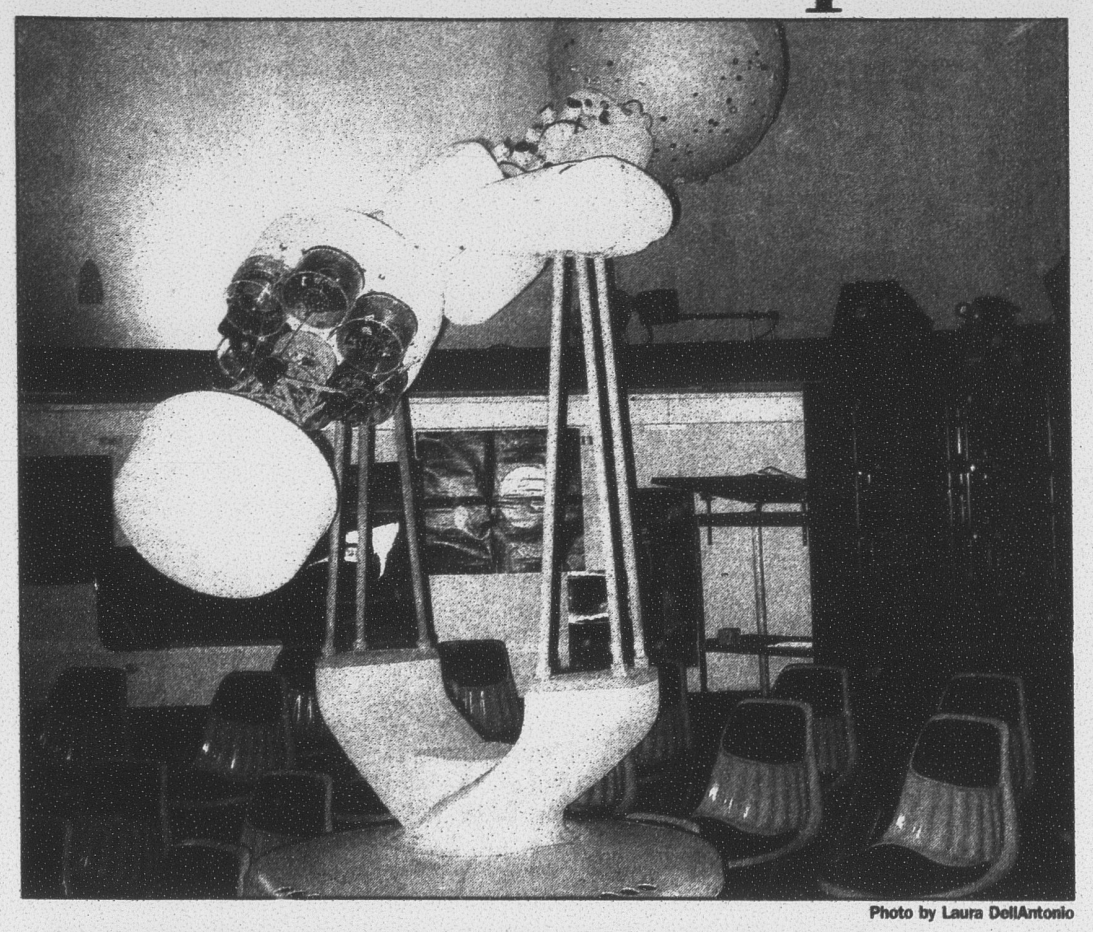

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The "Hubble Vision" show continues tonight and Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

Tibetan speaker brings culture to campus

By Craig Hannon
Campus Writer

The Westminster College campus got a taste of Tibet educational life last Thursday during the coffee house in the Berlin student lounge.

Xire Jiancuo, also known as Gregory in the United States, is a Tibetan student and was a participant in the English language program at Qinghai Normal University in China. At Qinghai, Gregory was taught the basics of the English language and became fluent.

After completing the program, Gregory came to America to further his education. He received a full scholarship from Reed College in Portland, Ore. where he is currently a junior.

An education major, Gregory's mission while being educated in America is simple; to better the lives of his people back in Tibet.

During his speech, Gregory spoke several times about the lives of the people in his native town in Tibet.

"Tibetan people are held to the same standard as animals," Gregory said. "They have no electricity, the men farm, the women cook, and education is not important to them because they do not know about a higher form of schooling."

Although Gregory is not one of the Tibetan people to stay in the country and farm, he has plans to go home and try and influence young Tibetan men and women to leave and take the same path he did.

"I have dreams to either stay in America and work for an organization here or go home and work for the Tibetan education department to help kids achieve higher learning," Gregory said. "Education has changed my life; it gave me the chance to come to America to better my life."

Reed College is a small liberal arts college in Portland, Ore. very similar to Westminster College. Gregory had the opportunity to go to Duke University, but the small campus of Reed, and a small Tibetan community in Portland which includes two other Tibetan students that attend Reed, made his decision easier.

"I have adjusted very well to Reed, and the environment there is very suitable for me," he said. "It was adjusting to the work load and all of those papers which was hard for me."

The coffee house was presented by the Diversity Symposium and the Peace Studies program. Held in the Berlin student lounge, the mission of the coffee houses is to expose students to the diversity of the world outside of campus. A group of about 50 students attended last week's event.

"It was inspiring to hear someone speak that has such a desire to learn," said Elizabeth Suders, a sophomore public relations major. "All too often I find myself taking education for granted."

WC hockey club shoots and scores

By Chris Norris
Campus Writer

During this time of year, few people prefer to talk about ice and cold weather.

The college hockey club, on the other hand, is excited about the ice, because it means that the hockey season is officially under way.

The hockey club has been around for approximately five years and already boasts a division championship. The team won the championship last season in the B-Division at Hess Ice Rink in Neshannock and has already established itself as having the best membership level in the club's short history with 16 members.

"I enjoy everything about hockey club," three-year member Aaron Schade said. "I'm a huge fan, and I love playing the game."

The junior also serves as the club's president and believes that the team was established most likely due to the fact that the college does not sanction an NCAA hockey program. Although there are no sanctioned hockey teams in the Presidents Athletic Conference, it did not stop these hard-core hockey lovers from forming the team, receiving funding from the school and finding a good coach.

"Coach Renninger has been a huge help as our faculty advisor, and there is no way our organization would exist without his support," Schade said.

Coach Scott Renninger has been a part of Titan sports for nearly 30 years coaching sports such as football, baseball and men's and women's tennis. Renninger added another sport to his repertoire for two main reasons.

"I love watching hockey, and they needed an advisor," Renninger said.

The veteran coach handles the expenses of the group by signing off on various bills and also teaching an ice-skating class.

Anatoli Dorosh is entering his second year as a member of the team and usually starts at right or left wing. The junior only has been playing hockey for one year but is proud to be a part of the program.

"I love having Coach Aaron training me and leading me to victory," Dorosh said.

Schade would like to do more with his team this season than just coach the team.

"I'd like to get club members together to watch Pittsburgh Penguin games and even take a trip to Mellon Arena to watch a game at some point during the season," he said.

Schade described the club as laid back and fun and said the team does not have meetings as usual clubs and organizations do, but members just get together to do what everyone in the group enjoys the most and that is playing hockey.

The team's first game was this past Wednesday at the Hess Ice Rink, and their next scheduled game is a double header on Sunday at 6 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

Lifelong Learning Program to offer free classes for non-traditional students

National Non-Traditional Students Week begins Nov. 5

By Leanne Veres
Campus Writer

Nov. 5 marks not only the start of registration week, but also a week designed to honor a select group of students, and one in which new faces may appear in some classes.

It is National Non-Traditional Students Week, and the Lifelong Learning Program (LLP) is celebrating by offering free classes to those interested in going back to college. Director of continuing education and lifelong learning Carol Yova explained that these free classes will give people a chance to see how everything is run – without having to pay or register.

"[The program] will showcase classes to people who have not had the opportunity to go to college," Yova said. "These people have the chance to come to a class with someone whom they feel comfortable."

Anyone considering taking part in a non-traditional learning program is welcome to attend a class, and current LLP students can use this opportunity to bring a friend to one of their classes. The free classes can be either day or night classes, and can be with non-traditional or traditional students.

"All they need to do is call and let us know where they are going to be," Yova said. "Then we will run it by the professors."

Yova is not sure exactly when National Non-Traditional Students Week was proclaimed on campus, but she believes it began about 10 years ago. Non-traditional students are honored during this week all over the country, and students on campus will enjoy coffee, donuts and cider each morning, among other surprises. A dinner is also planned for Nov. 10 to honor LLP students and their families.

Yova said that the college has offered free classes during this week for several years, and a couple of people have actually become students here. She explained that the big idea is to simply keep the opportunity fresh in individuals' minds.

"Sometimes the cycle needs to hit three or four times," Yova said. "But people do say they have become students after attending one of these classes."

Dr. David Barner, chair of the communication studies, theater, and art department, has taught LLP classes and said that students are always encouraged to bring in guests for speeches and presentations. He thinks that the free classes are a good opportunity for recruiting on campus.

"Students are better recruiters than faculty," Barner said. "It's a good idea for students to bring in people who are interested in going back to college."

Barner added that undergraduates are often encouraged to observe different classes, so non-traditional students should be no different.

The Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE) made the first full week in November each year National Non-Traditional Students' Week. Its website states that 49 percent of students nationwide are non-traditional students, and that these students are the fastest growing population

ANTSHE defines non-traditional students in a fairly broad sense: they are usually someone over 24 years of age, and they widely live off-campus and support themselves. These students generally work full or part-time in addition to attending classes.

ANTSHE's website has other examples of ways colleges commemorate the week. It has a contest each year to choose the college with the best idea for honoring non-traditional students. Yova said that the LLP entered the contest a few years ago and won for its idea of free classes.

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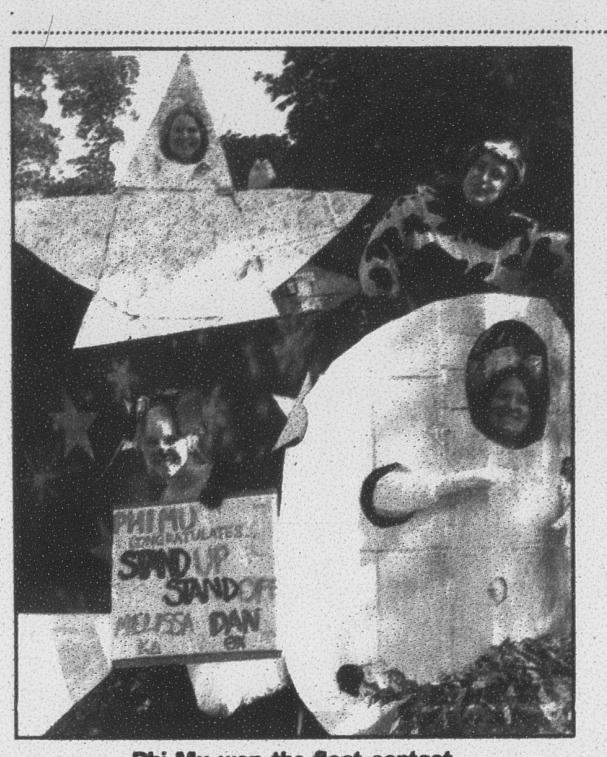
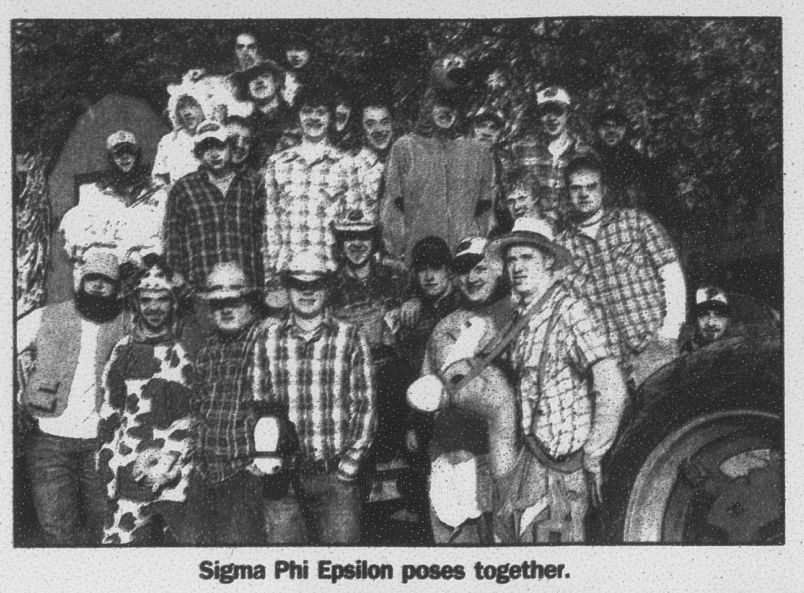
HOMECOMING PARADE



Phi Mu won the float contest.



Sigma Phi Epsilon poses together.

Photography by Chelsea Boecker

Kappa Delta showed off, as well.

Theta Chi did Hickory, Dickory, Dock.

The Titan mascot made its second major appearance during the parade. The mascot later cheered on the football team.

SGA event rallies students

By Allyson Koerner
Campus writer

School spirit shined in the TUB on Thursday, Oct. 19 during the campus' first big pep rally.

The campus community showed their support for the fall sports teams, the 2006 homecoming court and the unveiling of the new Titan mascot.

"I hope this kind of event continues on to help bring more school spirit to this campus," sophomore Ashley Carnahan said.

Carnahan, the Student Government Association's special events chair, planned this event with the help of other SGA members.

This was the first official pep rally ever held on campus. In the years before, only the homecoming court was introduced.

The campus' marching band opened up the pep rally by playing the school's fight song and alma mater. They were led by the band's field commanders, senior Katie Menhorn and sophomore Kevin Shields.

A brand new Titan mascot was revealed. He was escorted down the stairs by the football cheerleaders.

The mascot's true identity was kept a secret; however, he can be seen at all the upcoming football games along with other sporting events.

The cheerleaders and the volleyball, soccer, cross country and football teams were recognized individually. The seniors and coaches on each team were announced.

"It was great seeing all the support everyone showed at the pep rally," sophomore Tara Pregibon said. "I had such a fun time coming together as a school and supporting our teams."

Homecoming court announcements were also made during the pep rally.

Each female candidate was escorted by a male candidate. There were five candidates from each sorority and fraternity along with a male and female independent candidate.

The pep rally was mainly put on as a way to bring school spirit back and the campus community together. In addition, it was a fun event for the campus to have for its student's and faculty members.

"I enjoyed all the school spirit and hope to see this event continue on in my years at Westminster," sophomore Nicole Roberts said.

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Many students, including the cheerleaders and band members above, attended the pep rally Oct. 19.

Next year during homecoming weekend, the campus may see another pep rally. School spirit and enthusiasm will be part of the package and required for all to attend.

Hillside haunted? Students hear things of ghostly past

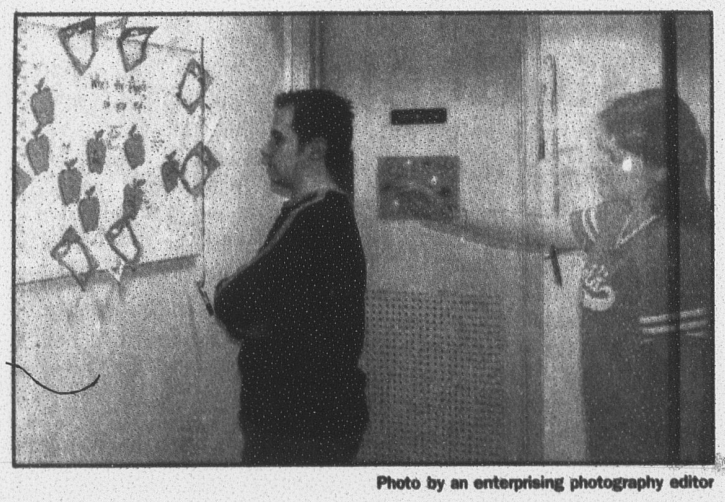


Photo by an enterprising photography editor

The ghostly visage of senior Courtney Kremer advances on an unsuspecting Steve Kokal, senior.

By Melissa Murphy
Campus writer

Each year stories of Hillside being haunted float around campus during Halloween time.

The stories of the supposed haunting of the Hillside girls' dormitory are just about as old as the school itself.

"I believe it's haunted," said junior Mandi Lambert, "I've heard stories about a girl that haunts the second and third floors."

The legend is that a girl named "Betsy" was murdered there long before the former mansion became a dormitory. Supposedly, the ghost wanders the halls playing tricks on residents. In the past, residents have reported strange occurrences.

"I've heard people say that their radio would turn on randomly and I think that is really creepy," said senior Julie Maryan.

Other residents have witnessed things such as lights flickering on and off, doors mysteriously locking, and hearing spooky noises throughout the night. Some say they have even heard footsteps when no one was around.

"My friend stayed in Hillside over spring break last year and said she would hear a knock on the door when no one was around but that doesn't mean it was a ghost," said sophomore and current Hillside resident Darnelle Clark who is not so convinced that "Betsy" actually exists, "I don't believe in all that jazz."

Some students don't know what to believe about Hillside's "oldest" resident.

"I'm not sure," said sophomore Bethany Olson. "There certainly is the possibility of it being haunted, but I've never witnessed it myself."

"Honestly, I'll believe it when I see it," said sophomore Rachael Neal, who lives on the third floor.

As far as security goes, there haven't been any reports of a spooky spirit wandering around Hillside this year, although there was a certain Specter spotted in McKelvey.

"I don't know anything about 'haunted' Hillside. Security has heard an occasional rumor about the hall being haunted but has never had a report of a ghostly sighting in the 7 years I have been here," said Assistant Dean of Campus Security John Lechner. "However, it is confirmed that there was a Specter on campus last week at McKelvey. Arlen arrived at 3:30."

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 51	High 49	High 46	High 50	High 55	High 57	High 49
Low 39	Low 34	Low 33	Low 37	Low 42	Low 33	Low 31
Chilly with rain and drizzle	A couple of showers; windy	Windy, cold; few flurries	Partly sunny; turning milder	Mild with clouds and sun	A couple of showers possible	A blend of sunshine and clouds

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:46 a.m.	6:24 p.m.
Saturday	7:47 a.m.	6:22 p.m.
Sunday	6:49 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Monday	6:50 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Tuesday	6:51 a.m.	5:18 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	1:23 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Saturday	2:10 p.m.	11:09 p.m.
Sunday	1:49 p.m.	11:22 p.m.
Monday	2:21 p.m.	none
Tuesday	2:48 p.m.	12:38 a.m.

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 20

Weather History

On October 27, 1962, a snowstorm brought 4 to 8 inches to interior portions of New England. Up to 16 inches of snow fell across northern Maine.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	51	39	r	46	32	sh	46	33	pc	50	39	pc	56	44	c
Butler, PA	50	37	r	49	32	sh	45	34	pc	49	37	pc	55	42	pc
Cambridge, OH	51	41	r	51	34	sh	51	34	pc	55	40	pc	61	44	pc
Canton, OH	51	39	r	48	32	sh	48	33	pc	51	39	pc	57	44	c
Cincinnati, OH	50	41	r	52	36	pc	57	40	pc	63	48	pc	62	46	pc
Clarion, PA	46	35	r	44	31	sh	42	31	c	45	32	pc	51	39	c
Clarksburg, WV	52	42	r	51	36	sh	48	37	pc	57	41	s	63	43	pc
Cleveland, OH	51	40	r	46	34	sh	48	36	pc	51	40	pc	56	46	c
Columbus, OH	50	42	r	51	36	sh	52	37	pc	56	44	pc	62	45	pc
Cumberland, MD	47	38	r	49	35	c	49	34	pc	53	38	pc	56	42	pc
Erie, PA	50	41	r	48	34	sh	47	36	pc	47	39	pc	52	44	c
Franklin, PA	46	37	r	43	33	sh	41	31	c	46	32	pc	51	40	c
Greensburg, PA	51	40	r	48	35	sh	45	35	pc	53	39	pc	57	44	pc
Greenville, PA	49	38	r	48	33	sh	45	32	pc	49	37	pc	53	42	c
Grove City, PA	48	38	r	46	33	sh	43	33	pc	48	35	pc	53	41	c
Hagerstown, MD	46	42	r	50	39	r	52	36	s	56	40	s	59	44	c
Indiana, PA	53	42	r	50	38	r	47	36	pc	51	38	pc	55	44	pc
Jamestown, NY	47	35	r	43	30	r	40	31	pc	43	34	s	46	38	c
Kittanning, PA	52	40	r	50	36	sh	47	36	pc	51	38	pc	56	44	pc
Lisbon, OH	51	39	r	48	33	sh	47	33	pc	51	39	pc	56	44	c
Mansfield, OH	49	36	r	47	32	sh	45	33	pc	51	39	pc	55	42	pc
Marietta, OH	51	43	r	54	37	sh	54	37	pc	59	44	pc	64	45	pc
McKeesport, PA	50	39	r	47	33	sh	44	35	pc	53	40	pc	57	44	pc
Meadville, PA	48	37	r	48	30	sh	44	33	pc	46	36	pc	51	41	c
Morgantown, WV	51	40	r	51	35	sh	45	36	pc	56	42	pc	60	42	pc
New Castle, PA	51	38	r	49	35	sh	47	34	pc	50	38	pc	55	43	c
Oil City, PA	47	37	r	44	33	sh	42	32	c	47	33	pc	52	40	c
Pittsburgh, PA	49	41	r	48	35	sh	44	34	pc	53	37	pc	57	43	pc
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Washington, PA	51	39	r	52	33	sh	50	32	pc	54	37	pc	60	39	pc
Waynesburg, PA	51	40	r	52	32	sh	47	34	pc	55	39	pc	59	40	pc
Wheeling, WV	50	40	r	49	33	sh	48	34	pc	54	42	pc	58	45	pc
Youngstown, OH	50	38	r	48	33	sh	45	32	c	50	37	pc	54	42	c
Wooster, OH	50	37	r	49	31	sh	46	35	pc	50	37	pc	58	40	c
Zanesville, OH	50	41	r	50	35	sh	52	34	pc	56	41	pc	61	44	pc

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Sports

Women's tennis fares well at PAC Championship

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team placed second at the PAC tennis championship in a two-day event on October 20 and 21.

The Lady Titans amassed 32 points finishing behind Grove City in the six-team event. Lady Titans second-year head coach Scott Renninger was named PAC Coach of the Year, while freshman April Scudere took home a PAC title at No. 4 singles.

"The tournament was wonderful, in athletics you always hope to peak at the appropriate time. In the last two weeks of the season we played at a high level of competition, effectively enough to keep the momentum into the tournament." Coach Renninger stated. "The thing that please me the most was were played hard and well and this also made Grove City play well and as a coach all you can ask for is to have them play their best."

Scudere claimed her first PAC championship and the team's first singles title since 2004, she breezed to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Grove City's Erin Bennett.

"As a team, I think we reached our goals. We didn't exactly beat Grove City as we would have hoped for, but it was still exciting to play some tough matches and scare them a little." Scudere noted. "As for myself, I reached my goal, but now, I wish for some tougher competition. I ended with a decent record, but I think I could have used some harder matches to make me a stronger player, even if that means sacrificing some easy wins."

The Lady Titans had four singles players and all three doubles tandem in Saturday's championship matches, which were all against Grove City.

Junior Christina Commisso played the third singles but lost to Grove City's Tamara Nations (6-0, 6-2) in the finals of the No. 3 singles bracket.

"What I love about this team is that we all take joy in each other's triumphs and support one another greatly, no matter what. Although we didn't win, I think we all had very positive attitudes. We never felt defeated because we gave it our all." Commisso said. "One of our players, April Scudere became PAC champion and beat a Grove City player. The whole team kind of reveled in her victory. Also, four of our players and one doubles team were all number one seated in the beginning of the tournament which was really exceptional."

Contributed Photo

The Women's Tennis team placed second at the PAC tennis championship last Friday and Saturday.

Junior Dana Larson also came up shy in the finals at No. 2 singles, losing to the top seed, Grove City's Kristin McNally, 6-4, 6-2.

"I felt like we gave Grove City, who is the PAC champs since 1987, some competition this year. As much as we wanted to take the title away from them this year, I think we're all happy with second place, especially since we placed fourth in the tournament last year," Larson noted. "I'm looking forward to playing again next year. I believe that if we all dedicate some time practicing during our off season, then we will be even more competitive next season."

Larson and Commisso lost to top-seeded Nations and Nicole Andreini in the No. 1 doubles finals, 8-1.

Other Titans competing in finals on Saturday were Scudere and senior Andrea Pastorius losing at No. 3 doubles (8-6) and senior Sara Belsito and junior Trista Houck losing at No. 2 doubles (8-4), both against tandems from Grove City.

"During PAC's you could only hear the Westminster girls cheering on their team mates! I think the team had the goal of winning PAC's and it wasn't a fare fetched goal, but it was disappointing to see Grove City take it for the 20th year in a row. But if you ask me we are the winners, because we all had the power to make it to the finals, with great friendships that we made along the way." Belsito stated. Also, top-seeded sophomore Alyson Lingle lost a close battle in the No. 6 singles championship against second-seeded Julie Bellissimo of Grove City, 7-6 (4), 6-4

The Lady Titan's finished the season with a record of 9-7 and 2 of 6 at the PAC championships, congratulations on a well played season. The women's tennis team will travel to Hilton Head, South Carolina in the spring for three days of play against Wikes, Olivet and Baldwin Wallace.

Titans back on track with homecoming win

49-13 win over Bethany gives Westminster first PAC victory of season; Frostburg State next

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

The Titans walked out of Burry Stadium on Oct. 21 a far more impressive team than they have shown all season. Westminster beat Bethany 49-13 to secure the Titans' first PAC victory of the season. The Titans head to Frostburg to play the Bobcats on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The Titans really came to play this past week as they lit up the scoreboard seven times against Bethany. The game started with a seven-play, 80 yard drive capped off by Josh Kutzner with a six-yard touchdown run. This score put Westminster up 7-0 on Bethany, creating a lead that would never be lost.

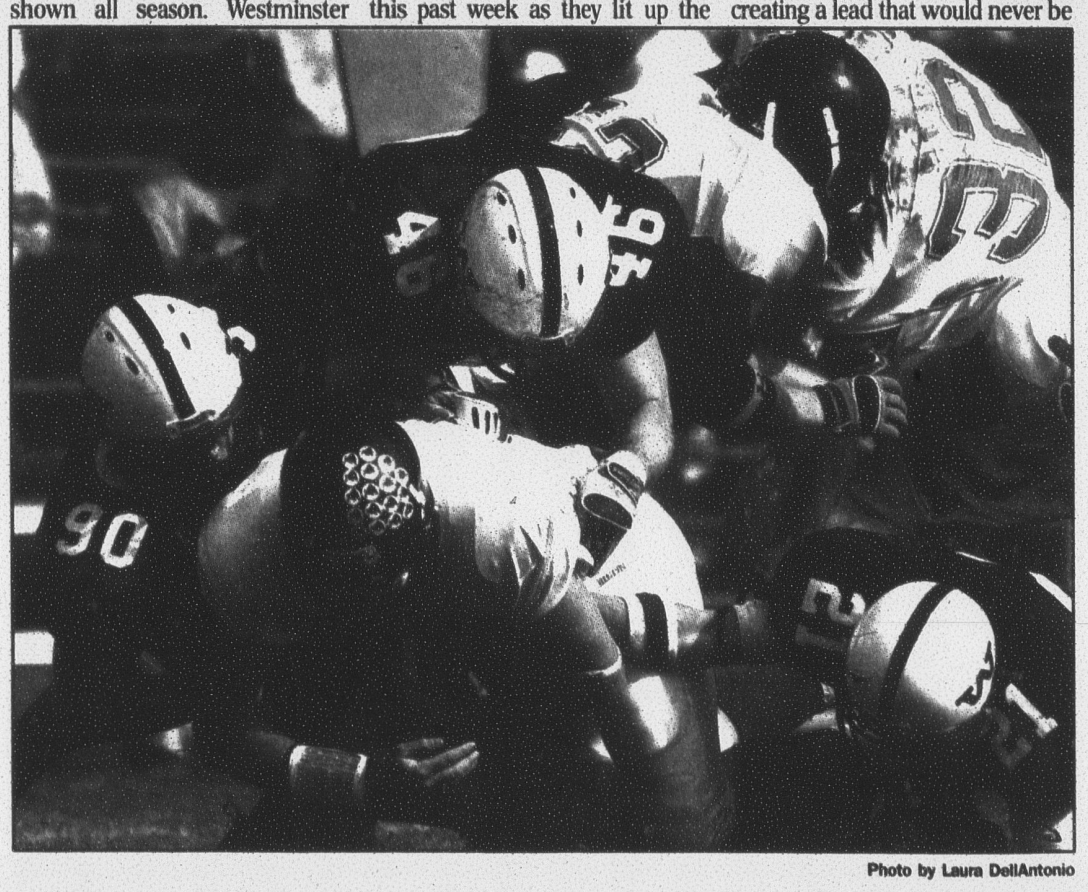

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Sophomores Matt Jaworski and Neil Falco, along with Senior Mike Cacchione crush Bethany for a loss during the homecoming game on Sat. Oct. 21. The Titans went on to win 49-13.

The second score of the game came on defense when sophomore defensive back Josh Weese picked off an errant Bethany pass and returned it 60 yards for the score. Weese has the only Titan interception return for a touchdown this season thus far.

The Titan defense held Bethany scoreless in the first quarter and piled up three touchdowns the third one coming from a one yard run by Nick McKolosky.

The Titans scored once more in the first half on a 15-yard pass from Kevin Franz to Jake Buzard to put the Titans up 28-0. Buzard had three catches for 50 yards and his first career touchdown. The senior had a milestone game in which he broke the career marks of 80 receptions, 750 career receiving yards, and his first career touchdown. The Titans went into the half up a convincing 28 points.

While the Titan defense came out strong in the second half late in the third quarter, Bethany's Brent Owens broke through for a one-yard touchdown run making the score 28-7 in favor of the Titans. The Titan offense soon struck back with a four-yard touchdown pass to sophomore receiver Jordan Belosh increasing the Titan lead to 35-7. The defense continued its stellar play led by Josh Weese and Mike Cacchione with four tackles each and took the game into the fourth quarter with a score of 35-7.

Westminster's offense was still hitting on all cylinders in the final quarter of the game as they amassed two more touchdowns. The Titans scored on a Kevin Franz one-yard run and an amazing display of speed by freshmen Chad Rosatelli on an 80-yard screen play from junior quarterback Brett Myers.

The defense gave up one more score at the end of the game when Bethany's quarterback Matt Blumer hit Mathew Dahle on a 47-yard touchdown pass.

The final score of the game was 49-13 with the Titans winning big.

When asked about the big win junior guard Bryan Borkovich said, "It's a momentum builder but it's still one game at a time." Borkovich also noted that the game plan for Frostburg State will consist of "a run to set up the screens and the passing game to keep them on there toes."

The Titans next game is a non-conference game against Frostburg State in Maryland. The game is scheduled for Oct. 28, with the kickoff at 1 p.m. The Titans are 2-5 on the season and 1-3 in the PAC. Frostburg is 1-5 in the 2006 season and 0-3 in the ACFC. This is the fourth year in a row these two teams have met in the regular season.

Athletics vs. academics an issue

Student athletes missing classes because of games; SAAC members discuss schedule changes

By Cory Baker
Campus Writer

The Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) is attempting to decrease conflicts between athletics and academics because athletes miss classes due to sporting events.

Members discussed changing student athlete's schedules recently at the SAAC meetings. There is a concern that athletes are missing too many of their afternoon classes for sporting events. Some faculty members do not penalize athletes for missing class due to athletic competitions. Other faculty members' policies allow students to miss only a certain number of classes, regardless of the reason.

"This policy developed because some faculty members said they would be more responsive and understanding of student-athletes missing class for athletic competition if that was the only reason or the only time(s) the student-athlete missed the class," director of athletics Jim Dafler, said.

There is a policy that the athletic department has adopted for student-athletes that has been around since last year. This policy says that a student-athlete may not miss a class for any reason if the student is going to miss the class at a later date due to athletics. If the student-athlete misses or cuts the class prior to an athletic event, then he or she will have to make up the class the day of the athletic event.

"I agree with this policy; if an athlete is not disciplined enough to go to class, then they should not be able to participate in an athletic event," sophomore student Blair Varner said.

Another topic of discussion at one recent SAAC meeting centered on the proposal of setting time aside for extra-curricular activities. This time will not conflict with labs, afternoon classes, or any academic associated events. SAAC has only discussed this academic time as a possibility and no final decisions have been made.

"I feel that it will help me get more academic things done during the week instead of being stressed about balancing academics and athletics," sophomore student Kyle Gruszecki said.

Although SAAC members have yet to resolve the issues involving student-athletes missing classes, they plan on furthering discussions to ensure that student athletes reap the benefits of both athletics and academics.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

In Jim Leyland I Trust

A mystery substance on the Gambler's thumb, a Carpenter sawing through the normally tough Tigers' lineup, and red birds finding locations to land pitches from a guy named Verlander sums up the World Series thus far.

On Wednesday, October 25, the dynamics of the 2006 World Series endured a major change. The result of the change: Cardinal's advantage. The rainout bought Cardinals manager Tony La Russa an extra day's rest and a viable solution to the enigma that was his starting pitching rotation.

With the World Series pushed back one day, the Cardinals will be able to start Game 2 starter Jeff Weaver in Game 5 on normal rest.

Had the game not been pushed back, La Russa would be left with an extremely tough predicament: start Jeff Weaver on three days rest, or bring in youngster Anthony Reyes?

La Russa's next question would then be where to place staff ace Chris Carpenter in the rotation.

With the rainout, the problem that was the Cardinals starting rotation is no more. Jeff Suppan will get his first start of the series in Game 4, with Weaver following in Game 5 on normal rest. The beauty of the situation is that the Cardinals now have flexibility with Carpenter. If the Cardinals trail 3-2 going into Game 6, Carpenter will get the call to try and force Game 7. Should the Cardinals be on top going into Game 6, Anthony Reyes would likely get the start and La Russa would preserve Carpenter for the important Game 7 finale.

As much as the weather has truly become an ally for the Cardinals, it has left the Tigers at a huge disadvantage.

With a solid four-man starting pitching rotation, the Tigers did not have to worry like the Cardinals. The Tigers rotation was set, and the Tigers lineup was ready to thrive on the confusion surrounding the Cardinals pitching rotation.

However, now that the game is pushed back, Jim Leyland, with his savvy managerial skills, may just do some juggling of his own.

You have to wonder; if Jeremy Bonderman throws well in Game 4 and evens the series, Leyland just may shake up the rotation.

Given Leyland's previous tactics, I would not be at all surprised if he moves The Gambler, Kenny Rogers, into the starting spot for Game 5 to try to take the series lead. The Gambler has been lights out throughout the playoffs and is recognized as the club's leader when regarding the pitching staff. If Rogers follows form and takes Game 5, that would likely set up a dynamite match-up between Justin Verlander and Chris Carpenter in Game 6.

If the series would need a Game 7 to crown a champion, I have to believe that Leyland would leap frog the struggling Nate Robertson and throw Jeremy Bonderman, presuming Bonderman throws well in Game 4. This would set the Tigers up with a Bonderman versus Reyes match-up in Game 7, a match-up that provides the Tigers with a decided advantage and will make them known as World Series champions.

Now, I have solved the enigma that is the starting pitching rotations in the World Series. Leyland and his club were definitely delivered a blow with the Game 4 rainout. However, if Leyland follows my hypothetical plan for juggling his pitching staff, the Detroit Tigers will be champs. When it comes to making the right decisions, look out Tony La Russa, because in Jim Leyland, I trust.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

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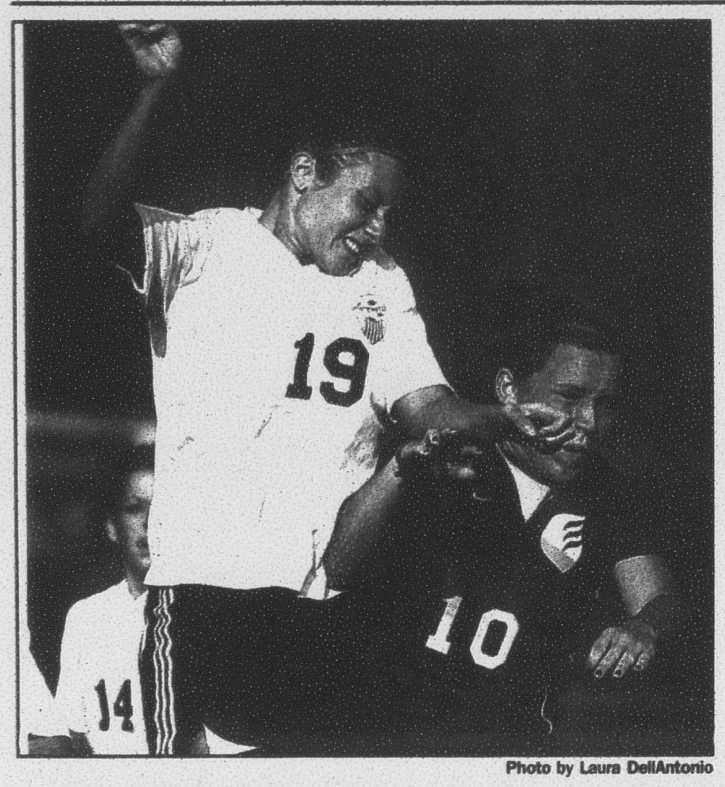


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior defender Mandy Bearrow and the Lady Titans will head into their last home regular season matchup against Waynesburg on Sat. Oct. 28 at 2 p.m.

Women's soccer falls

Lady Titans wrap up regular season Saturday, Oct. 28

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

"No pain, no gain" is certainly the quote of the week for the Lady Titans this past weekend as they traveled to Ohio for two matches, only to come back with two losses to add to their record.

The first game was played on Saturday against PAC foe, Thomas More. Assistant Coach Nick Hoover said, "Thomas More played very physical, and finished the opportunities they had. We had several good looks at goal and just couldn't put it away."

The Lady Titans out-shot Thomas More 22-11. But luck didn't seem to be in their favor as the Lady Titans obtained their first PAC loss with a score of 2-0.

As the weekend moved on, the Lady Titans' luck didn't seem to improve at all. On Sunday the Titans took the field at Mount St. Joseph. Even though the Lady Titans fought through the game, the outcome almost mimicked the previous game. The Lady Titans were out-shot by Mount St. Joseph 15-8 and suffered another 2-0 loss.

"Both games helped to show us where we should be so that we know to take a step up in the future," head coach Girish Thakar said.

The Lady Titans will be playing a playoff game next Wednesday at home. Although losing sometimes brings pain, the Lady Titans will certainly take the losses and learn from them to become a stronger team.

Two losses would have drawn most teams into a complete state of submission, but not the Lady Titans. On Wednesday they traveled through the hills of West Virginia to Bethany for another PAC match. They took the field with determination and pulled off a 6-1 win over Bethany to comprise an overall record of 11-5-1 and a PAC record of 4-1.

"Playing at Bethany is always difficult due to the long ride and field conditions," Coach Thakar said.

The Lady Titans definitely outplayed Bethany as they posted 36 shots compared to their foe's six. Sophomore midfielder Christina Adams and junior midfielder Kait Etzel-Hardman each scored two goals to lead the way for the Titans. Freshman Lauren Graeser and junior forward Mallory Bugel each posted a goal for the victory.

The Lady Titans will be playing another PAC game on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. against Waynesburg hoping to take the win and prepare for the playoffs. "We are excited for a chance to win back our crown," junior captain Brittany McKee said. The Lady Titans were conference champions from 02' to 04' and will certainly go into the tournament with high hopes. With the determination and hard work the Lady Titans put into their passion of soccer, surely they will defeat Thomas More and reclaim the title of PAC Champions.

Freshman Scudere named SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week

Scudere

April Scudere
Freshman
Women's Tennis
#4 Singles / #3 Doubles
Fowler, Ohio/Brookfield H.S.

Westminster College freshman women's tennis player April Scudere has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Scudere became the team's first PAC champion since 2004 when she captured the No. 4 singles title at the league championships last weekend.

Scudere, the No. 1 seed at fourth singles, received a bye in the first round and won in the semifinals and the finals by scores of 6-0, 6-0 and 6-1, 6-0. Scudere also went 1-1 in doubles action finishing as the runner-up in No. 3 doubles.

SPORTS BRIEFS

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Westminster College women's basketball team was predicted to finish third and the men's basketball team was predicted third in the 2006-07 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) basketball championships, according to the preseason poll released at the 2006-07 PAC Basketball Media Day held Wednesday at the Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh.

Both Westminster teams received three first-place votes, while the women's team garnered 146 points and the men had 132 points. The Waynesburg men were picked to win the PAC with 171 points and eight first-place votes, while the Thomas More women are favored to win the league after collecting 23 first-place votes and 208 points.

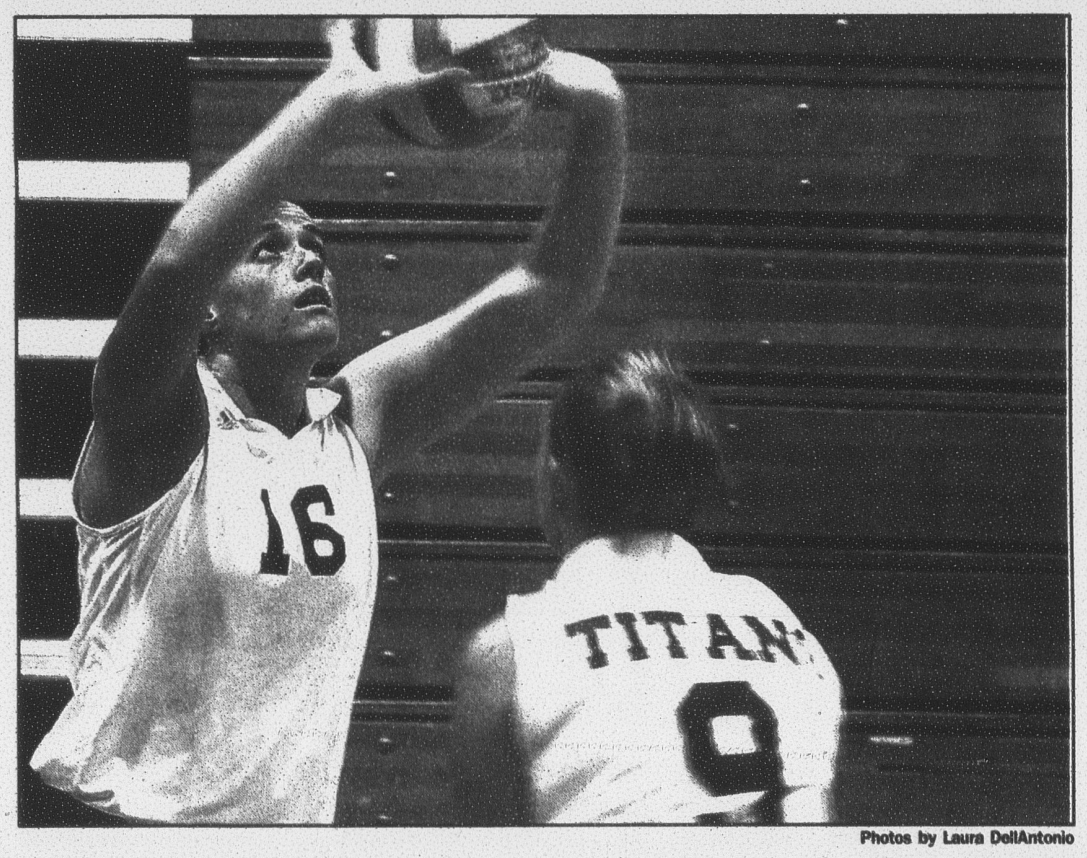
The Titan men's team, coached in his fourth season by Larry Ondako, returns three starters and nine lettermen from last year's squad that went 11-16 and placed fourth in the seven-team league with a 7-5 record.

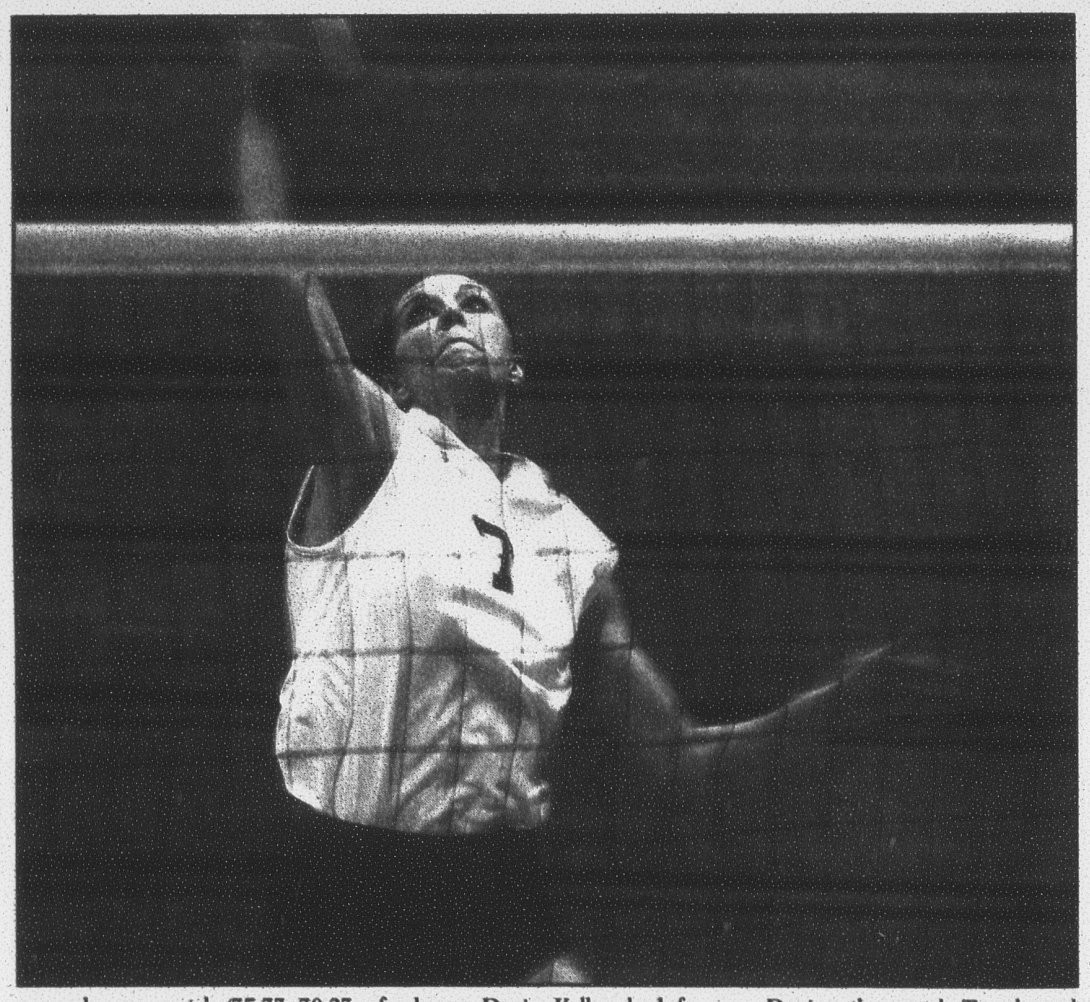
The Titan women's team, coached by Rosanne Scott entering her fifth season, welcomes back all five starters and eight letter winners from last year's team that posted an 8-19 overall record and a 4-8 mark in the PAC for sixth place.

For a complete listing of the 2006-07 PAC preseason basketball poll, visit the league web site at www.pacathletics.org.

Volleyball team remains in first

Lady Titan Volleyball near PAC championships with record of 21-9, 8-2 (PAC)





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Above: Senior Rachael Cooper sets one up for one of her teammates. Right: Sophomore outside hitter Rachel Terzak smashed down a season high 16 kills during the 3-1 PAC win over Grove City on Oct. 24. The Lady Titans will return to home action on Sat. Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. with a double header matchup against Thomas More and Saint Vincent.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The Westminster volleyball team continues to defend its first place position in the PAC after defeating both Waynesburg and Grove City. The Lady Titans also split matches at Washington & Jefferson.

The Lady Titans have added their tenth season of 20 or more wins to head coach Tammy Swearingen's 14 years here.

"This team plays as a complete team. They play with confidence and are able to fight back when they are behind. They don't give up," coach Swearingen said.

"Practices have become more intense than previous years. There is more talent on the court which allows for more competition. The increased competition pushes us to improve our play," added senior Rachael Cooper.

After a hard fought, five-game battle with rival Waynesburg, the volleyball team once again finished with a victory last Wednesday (31-33, 22-30, 30-22, 30-24, 15-13).

Sophomore Traci Hassell contributed 59 assists, 16 digs, and five blocks against Waynesburg. Junior Diana Conzett achieved a match-high 23 kills, followed by sophomore Rachel Terzak with 16 kills. During the final game, a Conzett kill put the Titans on top 14-13. Cooper then finished the match with one of her 13 kills.

The Titans traveled to Washington & Jefferson last Saturday where they competed against both the host and Point Park. The team fell to fellow PAC member W & J in four games (26-30, 24-30, 30-27, 25-30), but conquered Point Park in a non-league match (35-33, 30-23, 30-25).

Statistical leaders were senior Katie McDermott along with sophomores Terzak, Hassell, and Kylene Hoch. McDermott batted down 14 kills and also had two solo blocks. Terzak recorded eight kills, while Hoch defensively had 19 digs. Hassell dished out 36 assists against W & J.

During the match with Point Park, McDermott and Terzak once again led the Titans with nine kills each. Hassell registered 26 assists and Hoch had 10 digs. At the net freshman Devin Kelley had four blocks (one solo).

The volleyball team was on the road again Tuesday traveling to Grove City. They competed against the host and triumphed over the Wolverines. The Titans won the first game 30-19, fell in the second 26-30, and won the last two games 31-29 and 30-20.

"The win against Grove City was especially important to us because losing that game would have not only taken us out of first place, but would have bumped us down to third," said Hoch.

During the match Terzak and McDermott registered 16 kills, a season high for Terzak. McDermott also posted a team-high five blocks. Cooper and Conzett followed in kills contributing 10 each. Hassell put up 46 assists as Hoch picked up 33 digs.

The Lady Titans (21-9, 8-2 PAC) are winding down their season with only two matches left until the PAC Championships. They host Thomas More (7-3 PAC) and Saint Vincent on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Two wins, one loss for men's soccer team

Kickers approach end of regular season; prepare to face Waynesburg Saturday

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team picked up two wins and a loss in recent action as it nears the end of its regular season.

The Titans traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio where they played two games in a weekend tournament at Xavier University. The Titans first beat conference opponent Thomas More on Saturday and then squeezed out another win against Mount St. Joseph on Sunday to make the weekend an overall success.

Against Thomas More the men shut out the Saints 4-0, improving their record to 3-1 in the PAC. Scoring twice in the first half was senior midfielder Todd Atwood, who was the lone scorer until teammates junior forward Ande Saporito and freshman midfielder Matt Tomnay added a goal each in the second half, securing the win.

Goalkeepers Anthony Beilstein and Chris Passione shared net-minding duties but didn't see much action at their end, as the Titans out shot the Saints 27-9 and Passione was only required to make one save.

The Titans battled to a 1-0 victory over Mount St. Joseph the following day, with freshman midfielder Brice Lott scoring the lone goal in the 38th minute. His goal was assisted by senior forward Blake Ordell, who recently earned himself PAC honors by being named the conference's offensive player of the week.

Sophomore defender Chris Ellwanger was also named to the list as defense player of the week. Because defenders are not typically the goal scorers, they rarely receive public recognition; therefore, Ellwanger was grateful to be chosen.

"I feel honored to be picked out of all the teams in the conference," Ellwanger said. "Hopefully I can keep up the effort and hard work to help our team win a PAC title."

The Titans' winning streak ended on Oct. 25 as they suffered a 2-0 loss on the road against conference opponent Bethany. Saporito, Ordell, and junior midfielder Garrett Horvath each had three shots on goal for the Titans, while Lott recorded one. In goal, Passione faced 13 shots from the Bisons and was able to come up with seven saves.

The Titans finish their regular season with a home game against Waynesburg on Saturday Oct. 28 at noon.

Mini-Scrawl

Each year,* Scrawl *partners with* The Holcad *to give the campus community a preview of* Scrawl *magazine, the annual arts and literary publication of Westminster.

Scrawl includes writing and artwork from students, faculty and staff and welcomes submissions from all genres (including poetry, paintings, prose, scripts of short plays, photographs, song lyrics, ceramics,ANYTHING)!

Writing submissions can be e-mailed to* Scrawl *at any time throughout the year, but save your art submissions for the Art Show which will take place in McKelvey early in the Spring semester.

Questions? Call Julie Maryan or Caitlin Pratt. E-mail submissions to either of them!

The Day God Smiled
Anonymous

The day has ended, all the lights are down
Just a few hours to a new dawn
A moment forgotten, He smiles through a window
Waiting for his masterpiece to come

Patiently and hopefully watching the busy world from above
So many paths and obstacles push Him away
Another night he hangs the stars in the sky
Waiting for the morrow to come

A new day
A new masterpiece
Another moment of hope
Another chance to live

"Quest of Questions"
By Kang-Yup Na

Sometimes
A question
Is just
A question.

Sometimes
Questions are answers in disguise,
Unquestioned answers,
Transfigured unawares,
Transubstantiated truths we want to tell?
Tell, not ask.

Unlike questions we ask from dawn to dusk,
Questions true remain ever questions.

So, the question that is true to itself
Is the question, "What is a true question?"

Answered questions
Prove themselves untrue
If eternity fuses
Questions asked too early
With
Answers delayed.

A questionn
Is just
A question.
Sometimes.

I See
By Julie Maryan

I see
a red streak
flying
across the sky.
It is circling,
spiraling,
effortlessly on powerful wings.
I will watch
as the red streak
circles down,
finally
to rest on the ground
triumphant.

Walking Home from Sunday School
By Dee Natale

It was just a rock
No, it was special
"Rock of Ages"
It glistened, beckoned
She rolled it over.

It was more than a rock
Yes, it was waiting for her
"On Christ the solid rock"
It felt heavy, chiseled
She picked it up.

It was her secret rock
Maybe, it would free her
"Thy word have I hid"
It was grainy, solid
She held it tight.

It was a forbidden rock
Surely, it was meant for him
"He's my rock, my sword"
It was sharp, sculpted
She threw it hard.

He never saw it coming.

Admitted Defeat
By Caitlin Pratt

It's been fifteen minutes since
I've asked "do you miss her?"
and he's still waiting for
his coffee mug to give him an answer,
reacting to its vanilla
suggestions with a head shake, a sip,
a shrug.
Then—"If I had listened to her,
I would have believed
in immortality.
Guess it's a good thing I never listened."
With this, he puts out his cigarette
on a freshly potted rose, and slams the door
behind him.

A Metamorphosis, Demystified
--By Caitlin Pratt

"The clouds are shifting again."
A child traces temporary turtles
Swimming in the fickle sky.
"No wonder we change
When what we breathe
Never stays the same."

Hidden Tears
By Becky Carman

Hidden in the darkest hour of night
I cry, my tears silently streaming,
Downward past closed eyelids,
Downward past quivering lips,
Ending only when they dry,
Now marked streaks showing starkly against my skin.

The salty wetness on my pillow betrays me
Enveloped in feelings of insecurity
And a hidden desire to be better.
Reaching always to the hearts of others, helping them,
Selflessly giving, never asking, and hiding tears in the dark.

Gift
By Jeanne M. Geretz- submitted by Veronica Geretz

It slipped away from my memory (how could it?),
The tranquility — the loveliness — the gentility,
Of sweet September rolling in — embracing me,
Erasing the tiredness, soothing summer's hurts.

Is it God's way of nudging the uninspired,
Into the nows and the tomorrows,
The gift of life they forgot to open,
Because of ribbons that took effort to untie?

September arrived, whispering "enjoy me,"
I'll surround you with my wonders.
I'll renew in you the urge to possess,
All that is good — the specialness of today.

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Arts & Entertainment

Marie Antoinette: Too slow-moving and dream-like

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

"Let them eat cake." This tagline for Marie Antoinette seems odd, but makes complete sense once you see the film. Sofia Coppola's film about France's ill-fated queen is not focused on historic accuracy or politics, which may seem to be it's downfall for some people, but it focuses on the personality of Marie Antoinette as she lives in a world filled with champagne and tarts, but cements her fate with her frivolity.

Kirsten Dunst plays Marie as the Austrian princess who is betrothed to Louis XVI (Jason Schwartzman) at the young age of 15. Rip Torn plays Louis XV, the crude and perverse king who loves the entertainment of women. Dunst does a superb job of portraying a young girl who knows nothing about the aristocracy of Versailles, prefers to hug her ladies-in-waiting, and finds the endless rituals of the Versailles ridiculous and stifling.

However, she does marry Louis XVI, who is more interested in making keys than making love to his attractive wife. Soon the gossip runs through Versailles that the royal marriage remains "unconsummated," which is horrifying to the royal family and the Austrian royalty since Marie must produce an heir in order to seal the friendship between Austria and France.

After the death of Louis XV, Louis XVI and Marie are crowned king and queen, when Marie is only 19. At the coronation, Louis XVI foreshadows their fate by whispering "God help us…we are too young to reign." The gossip continues to shame Marie for her lack of sexual activity, and decides to separate herself from the Versailles. She throws lavish parties and stays up until dawn drinking and gambling with friends. Instead of focusing on procreation, she focuses on the latest materials for dress and the latest shoes from Paris.

Eventually, Marie gives birth to a daughter, and later a son. However, the damage she had done proves irrevocable, and the French Revolution will be her demise at age 38. The film doesn't show the beheading; it ends on an unfinished note when the royal family is fleeing Versailles. Some people have mentioned to me that this ending is irritating because it gives false hope that Marie and her family may escape safely.

Of course, Coppola did not direct a documentary about the reign of Marie Antoinette. What she directs is a stylized film that emphasizes the laid-back and frivolous ways of the aristocracy by repeating shots of champagne pouring over glasses and Marie trying on numerous outlandish wigs, dresses, and shoes. It is easy to see that Coppola is trying to show a girl that is forced into a position too mature for her age, and is constantly criticized.

I liked the scenes of Marie retreating into the countryside with her daughter; it shows not a spoiled queen but a girl who just wants to get away from the pressure and spend time with her child. Kirsten Dunst really succeeded at this role, which is a huge undertaking since her character carries the entire film, which is a daunting task for any actor. Like Lost in Translation, Coppola directs an artistic film that focuses on the loneliness of a misunderstood character.

Perhaps this film is too slow-moving for some people, and it's true that it feels more like a two-hour dream sequence than historical movie, but sometimes TLC is just not as fun. Rating: B+

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Photo from www.cinemastrikesback.com

Kirsten Dunst plays the title role in Sophia Coppola's *Marie Antoinette*. The story is about an Austrian princess who is betrothed to the the French price Louis XVI. The film doesn't show her historic beheading during the French Revolution.

New album by The Hush Sound another great Fueled by Ramen production

By Liz Suders
Guest music reviewer

Despite an early summer release, I still find the album *Like Vines* from The Hush Sound an important contribution to the monotony of the seemingly over-saturated indie-folk-pop-rock genre.

Their latest album did not disappoint me; it delivers melodic overlapping female and male vocals for which the band is known.

Soon after pressing play, you'll notice your foot tapping to the catchy guitar riffs and upon the next turn of the CD you'll begin singing along to the truthful and artfully crafted lyrics. Another wonderful Fueled by Ramen production, I only had one complaint: I wanted more! 11 songs just were not enough!

Breaking the mold of stereotypes of any genre, The Hush Sound doesn't receive as much praise and recognition as they deserve. The bands' musical diversity may stem from the bands many influences, ranging from Paul Simon to The Shins.

The Chicago quartet was formed through random jams between Bob Morris (guitar) and Greta Salpeter (piano/guitar.) They started out as an acoustic duo, but decided to expand to include, Darren Wilson (drums) and Chris Faller (bass.) All members of the band share vocal duties, which gives the band their melodic vocals.

After their lineup was solidified in February 2005, they self-released their first album in October 2005 and posted selected songs from it on purevolume.com.

Purevolume, for those that haven't yet discovered it, is an amazing website that allow you to listen to local, national and even international bands regardless if their signed to a label or not. Its player sadly doesn't work on campus, so you'll have to go to Mugsies or another establishment in town that offers wifi and check it out.

Posting material on the website has helped many bands get discovered. Pete Wentz, well known as the bassist/lead vocalist in Fallout Boy, discovered their unique sound on purevolume then signed them to his Fueled By Ramen imprint, Decaydance, they then re-released their freshman effort in July 2005 on a well-established label.

I attempted to catch them playing with the Dresden Dolls and PANIC! at the Disco in July, but due to weather and bad directions on my part, I ended up missing their set.

After listening to both of The Hush Sound's freshman and sophomore albums, I decided they aren't going to be a one-hit band and purchased tickets for their upcoming show in Cleveland, which I'm quite pumped for.

I can only hope they'll have a few new songs to play because I'm addicted to this band! If you haven't heard of them, stop reading this and buy one of their albums, because I have nothing but good things to say, which doesn't happen very often.

Bow Wow's back in the game with brand-new album 'The Price of Fame'

NEW YORK, Oct. 23-- UWIRE-Hip-hop icon Bow Wow returns with his eagerly-awaited fifth studio album, The Price of Fame, slated for release on Tuesday, December 19.

The Price of Fame includes Bow Wow's sizzling new single, "Shortie Like Mine."

Produced by Bow Wow's longtime collaborator Jermaine Dupri and featuring the American R&B superstar Chris Brown, "Shortie Like Mine" is blowing up nationwide hitting millions of radio listeners in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Boston, Denver, Chicago, Sacramento, Portland, Orlando, Fresno, Knoxville, Washington DC and more.

"Shortie Like Mine" has been played more than 1,028,275 times on Bow Wow's MySpace page (www.myspace.com/bowwow). A video for "Shortie Like Mine" has been lensed in Los Angeles by acclaimed video and film director

Bryan Barber (OutKast, "Idlewild") and addresses the burgeoning phenomenon of online social networking.

The Price of Fame is the first new studio album from Bow Wow since July 2005 when his RIAA platinum-certified Wanted debuted at #3 on the Billboard Top 200 and generated the smash singles "Let Me Hold You" (featuring Omarion) (#1 Rap, #2 R&B/Hip-Hop, #4 Hot 100) and "Like You" (featuring Ciara) (#1 Rap, #1 R&B Hip-Hop, #3 Hot 100).

Bow Wow -- whose film credits include "Like Mike" (one of the 50 Top Grossing films of 2002), "All About The Benjamins" (2003), "Johnson Family Vacation" (2004) and "Roll Bounce" -- may be seen in "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" as well as in an upcoming episode of "Smallville."

Bow Wow first burst on the scene back in 2000 -- under the wing of super producer Jermaine Dupri -- with his debut album, Beware of Dog, which went on to sell more than three million copies while solidifying his status as an authentic hip-hop heartthrob.

Bow Wow took his brand of rap to the next level with 2001's Doggy Bag, hitting the road in support of his multi-platinum sophomore CD with the sold-out "SCREAM Tour II," wowing fans all over the country with hits like "Take Ya Home" and "Thank You."

With his third album, 2003's Unleashed, Bow Wow became more directly involved with writing and producing his music, creating a collection directly from the heart, conveying a more personal overview of life from Bow Wow's perspective.

He is the youngest musician to open the Grammy Awards, is the first "kid" to be included in Vanity Fair's prestigious annual music issue (October 2001), and entered "The Guinness Book of World Records" as the youngest solo rapper to hit #1 on the U.S. charts.

With numerous hit singles, platinum-plus albums, sold-out tours, starring roles in hit films, and a place in "The Guinness Book of World Records" already on his resume,

Bow Wow continues to prove that he's the 100% real deal with the indisputable goods: a bona fide superstar blessed with talent, tenacity, and a deep connection to his audience.

Animal Planet Cheers on College Sports Fans With 'MASCOT MADNESS' Special During The Big Dance

SILVER SPRING, Md., Oct. 19 /PRNewswire/ -- Fans of college and university athletics have long debated which team mascot would truly win -- on and off the field of play. What makes a good animal mascot? How and why are college mascots chosen? Are the best ones the most ferocious like a lion (Penn State) or as swift as a wildcat (Arizona)? Are they majestic like an eagle (Boston College) or loyal like a bulldog (Georgia)? And should we really fear the turtle (Maryland)? These animals are mascots chosen for their bravery, tenacity, leadership. There must be a compelling reason they were chosen to lead their school, right?

This spring, Animal Planet reveals who is the nation's #1 animal mascot in a one-hour countdown special called MASCOT MADNESS. Slated to air around the NCAA Basketball Tournament (i.e., "The Big Dance"), MASCOT MADNESS is hosted by Animal Planet icon and animal expert Jeff Corwin and ESPN college football analyst Lee Corso as they countdown America's favorite animal mascot as determined by fans online. Go online to AnimalPlanet.com to cast your vote! Voting ends November 6, 2006.

Mascots elicit passion, devotion and pride every time they take the court or field. Animal Planet takes a glimpse at these symbols of team spirit and looks at the facts, lore, legend, tradition and history behind the creatures that have rallied alumni and students for decades!

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Calendar

October 27, 2006

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

4:45 PM Dedication of Berlin Village

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

6:00 PM All-Campus Retreat -- (Departure Time Below, Returning 10/29 at 4:00 pm) -- Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock

6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming Teams Host Westminster Relay Carnival

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: Hubble Vision -- Hoyt Science Center 116

8:00 PM CPC Presents Craig Karges, mentalist -- MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Descent -- MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Miami Vice -- MCC Mueller Theater

October 28, 2006

Cross Country at PAC Championships at Waynesburg

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Dorothy Sutton Piano Festival -- Orr Auditorium

12:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)

1:00 PM Football at Frostburg State

2:00 PM Volleyball vs. Thomas More (H)

2:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)

4:00 PM Volleyball vs. St. Vincent (H)

6:00 PM New Wilmington Borough Halloween Parade

6:00 PM Soccer Teams Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: Hubble Vision -- Hoyt Science Center 116

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM WC Jazz Ensemble Concert -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (2 Vans) -- Meet at MCC Entrance

October 29, 2006

3:00 PM WC Faculty Percussion Recital -- Orr Auditorium

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Miami Vice -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Vespers (Reformation Sunday) -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311/312

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Descent -- MCC Mueller Theater

October 30, 2006

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Second Session of Aerobics Classes Begins (meets Mondays and Thursdays through November 16) -- Old 77

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

October 31, 2006

HALLOWEEN

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

1:00 PM Career Center's Internship Workshop -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

3:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting -- MCC 352

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting -- MCC 255

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Trick or Treat in Residence Halls (except Russell and Eichenauer)

7:30 PM Halloween Organ Concert -- Orr Auditorium

November 1, 2006

ALL SAINTS' DAY

11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Andrew Ade, "NEH Seminar: An American in Paris" -- MCC Mueller Theater

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM College Bowl Sign-ups -- MCC TUB

6:45 PM Info Session for Prospective Study Abroad Students -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson 112

7:00 PM Guest Children's Literature Author: J. Patrick Lewis -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:30 PM SIG Meeting -- Patterson 113

8:00 PM Black Student Union Meeting -- MCC 255

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship -- MCC Club/Lounge

November 2, 2006

Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association Music Conference

12:45 PM IFC Meeting -- MCC Club

12:45 PM All-Campus Meeting

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting -- MCC 255

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting -- Patterson 231

5:30 PM International Cultures Club -- Thompson-Clark 314

7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Kappa Delta Pi Meeting -- Patterson 311

7:00 PM Gospel Choir -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting

Sudoku!

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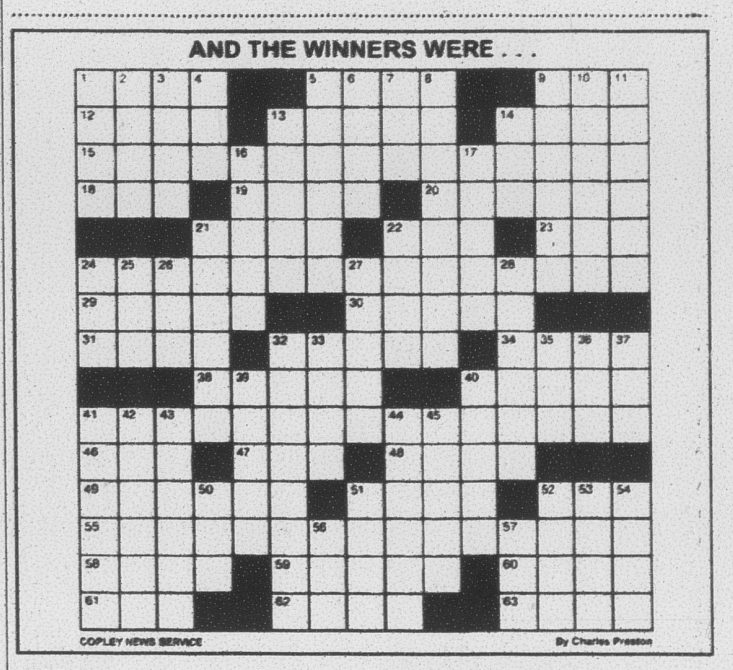

Last Week's Answers

ACROSS

1 Canal completed in 1869
5 Deli orders
9 Glove compartment object
12 Switch follower
13 Japanese major league pitcher
14 Clayey soil
15 Oscar-winning films of 1927 and 1943
18 Draft org.
19 They do it at the salon
20 There are 10 of them
21 Opposite of hawed
22 Kind of rap
23 Design
24 Oscar-winning films of 1930 and 1940
29 Kind of wave
30 Moses' brother
31 ___-Coburg
32 Vaults
34 Move
38 Sting
40 Bird that builds a hanging nest
41 Oscar-winning films of 1970, 1955, 1958
46 Make a boo-boo
47 Laptops or desktops, e.g.
48 Z ___ zebra
49 Not a team player
51 "___ for All Seasons"
52 Work unit
55 Oscar-winning films of 1976 and 1922
58 U.S. Davis Cup captain, 1981–82
59 Wherewithal
60 With 17, a book title
61 Mining pit
62 Poet Teasdale
63 Reinvest, with back

DOWN

1 Uses the Singer
2 Author of 60 Across
3 Several thousand million years
4 Albanian king, 1928–1939
5 One of two actors who refused an Oscar
6 Shoemaker's model
7 Without a firm date: abbr.
8 They put everything down
9 Klepto chaser
10 A specific circle
11 Cell holder
13 Less hospitable
14 'Zine
16 Cubic meter
17 Bar dance?
21 Most ready for absolutely anything
22 A hillside
24 Dosage amts.
25 You put it aside, briefly
26 Sound recording process
27 Controversial trade agreement
28 Stern flapper
32 Holy places
33 Weaponry
35 Three: prefix
36 Brain scan: abbr.
37 Fermented taro tuber
39 Cottontail's kin
40 Competing
41 Examine closely
42 Venetian vessel
43 Medicinal lozenge
44 Non-Oscar-worthy film of 1936
45 Tyrants
50 DDE's moniker
51 At a distance
52 Word with eye or temper
53 Move to new digs: sl.
54 One way to make a hole in the wall
56 Teachers' org.
57 Method of scoring in tournament bridge: abbr.

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Education, philosophical or political issues are highlighted this week. Make an informed decision about a school, concept or candidate. Stick to it.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Work to restructure your personal budget. Come up with a long-term plan to improve your status and to eliminate the possibility of fiscal limitations or poverty.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Avoid presenting yourself as argumentative, loud or aggressive this week. You can get your point across without making enemies or upsetting your loved ones.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Look forward to support from colleagues or co-workers this week. Expect the most outrageous requests to be met with a yes.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Take steps to nourish the important relationships in your life. Delight in the personal interactions that will lead to a deeper understanding and respect for each other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Your emotions are magnified to the point of influencing your every move. Do your best to calmly separate reason from strong sentiment and passion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Relax while awaiting the answer to a very important question. Be prepared to accept the truth and to adjust your expectations to support a positive outcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Take steps to prevent a financial disaster. Budget your income wisely and manage your expenditures with logic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Deep, transformational activities are on tap for you. Be emotionally and intellectually prepared to go places you have never been before.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Learn to trust or read your instincts. Before reaching a final conclusion, compare a hunch to the facts and see how accurate you were to the truth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Use the "it's who you know" factor to open doors this week. Surround yourself with friends or associates with a high level of influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): The road to success and happiness is clearly marked. Design your goals or ambitions around something that you truly care about and enjoy, and you are halfway there.

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Meet at 10:00 PM MCC Info Desk
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"The Descent"

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Miami Vice"

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00 PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room
October 30th New England at Minnesota

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

COMING SOON...

Nov. 10 Titan's Tavern-JD Eicher & 1959
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Nov. 11 Lee Camp-Comic
Dec. 2 Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 8 Titan's Tavern-Valley Below, JD Eicher & Nikki Douglas

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Features

Busy students are hungry, too

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

Last week, Colin set forth a proposal of "Supersize Me" proportions. He discussed many of the concerns of students required to purchase meal plans and dine on campus, and requested prominent figures related to the campus and this particular quandary put their (actually, our) money where their mouths are, and dine on-campus twice weekly.

Aside from an explanation from Dean Edman with regards to his role in the foodservice offerings, there has been no response from the administration. Two members of Communications Services staff expressed interest in the challenge and its progress, but due to time constraints will not be able to dine on-campus twice daily for a whole month.

I, as well as many others, wish I couldn't, either.

Due to the limited entertainment in the greater New Wilmington area, I have become involved in several organizations on campus. I also work on- and off-campus. The point I'm trying to make is that I, like many of *The Holcad's* readers, am very busy. Many nights per week I make it in around 10:30 or 11 p.m., barely in time to make it to the TUB - and at that time, only fast or convenient foods are available.

I could have a yogurt, or a salad to go… or they will have all gone on without me already. I could have grabbed a sub earlier that day to prepare ahead… or I have tried this route twelve times too many. The end result from this forage (if the TUB is open) is usually something from the late night menu, or fast food from the grill, and a water.

If I order from the grill or late night menu, I am fully aware of what I'm doing. I'm not pretending that the foods are nonfat or even low-fat; I sometimes specifically want to have these foods, but more often than not, the alternative (a grilled chicken sandwich) multiple times per week is no more appetizing considering its excruciating repetition.

I understand the difficulty inherent in preparing large quantities of food at high qualities; there is an inverse relationship built in to that kind of production.

However, the convenience level of the TUB when Charleston Market meals are available is not high either. The wait, often upwards of twenty minutes during lunch time between the food line as well as the cashiers, is not much better than the sit-down one in McGinnis. I'll not discuss the wait if a group of high school students, a.k.a. future Titans, is present.

I also identify with the difficulty of serving at peak times. My first job was in food service at a delivery restaurant, so I have dealt with this situation firsthand. However, the problem usually stemmed from another high school student's nonchalance about their part-time job, obviously not an issue with the pleasant adult employees in the TUB.

That means sometimes, we go without lunch. Hardly the intent of the required meal plan, I believe.

I'm not asking for full service 24 hours per day; that's obviously outrageous. On the other hand, after working on reading and writing assignments until 6:45 a.m. one night this week in the lobby and hallways of Ferguson, I can definitively state there would be some business. I'm betting that the women I saw doing the same are an indication of the rest of the campus' study habits.

What I am interested in is the availability of food to accommodate the average involved student's schedule; that is, meetings and employment that do not fit into the optimistic 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. dinner time slot for actual meals served in McGinnis or the TUB . Likewise, the lack of foods available to go, meaning to be taken away from the serving facility in a timely manner, if a sit-down meal is not realistic in conjuction with students' schedules.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who has spent half her meal plan on food her Nana would cry to see.

Is it just me? Parker faces the race question(s)

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Is it just me, or are we as twenty-first century Americans still having a hard time seeing past stereotypes?

I don't know how this article is going to pan out with some people on this campus, but it is something that I am willing to live with. It is the age-old issue of race and stereotypes.

Monday night seemed to be an average night for me. I had finished my reading early and decided to go visit one of my friends in her dorm room.

When I arrived she wasn't there, so instead of facing that blistering cold again, I traveled upstairs to the third floor of Galbreath to visit another friend. What happened after that proved to be one of the most amazing nights of my life.

I went over wearing my new Rocawear coat, given to me by my sister. (It's a really nice coat by the way - thanks, Quiana) My friend, who will remain nameless, thought it was a nice coat too, but went on to say that she couldn't get one because it was for black people.

I couldn't believe what I was hearing. Was she serious? I immediately corrected her and filled her in that it was just a coat. It doesn't have any racial barriers about it, it just keeps skin warm. The cool thing about this coat is that it doesn't care what color skin it keeps warm.

The discussion soon went from the coat, to style, to cities that some people are from and why people act the way they do. Before long, the third floor had about 15 people sitting around the walls wanting me to answer questions about race. It wasn't a hostile environment, and the questions, although strange for me to hear, were necessary.

Some people really just don't get it, and they'd rather pretend that they did, or not ask anything because it may make them look like a racist, or maybe the person being asked will be offended. Discussions like that one need to happen more often.

Yes, I was quite surprised that there were still that many people who had these stereotypical beliefs or thoughts in their minds about black people, but it felt so good to see the looks on the faces of some students when it finally clicked, and they realize we really are all the same."

At the same time I can't say that I don't understand why some people feel the way that they do. I too have been guilty of generalizing at some points in my life. Some people stated that it was the environment in which they grew up. If you've grown up in an area where there wasn't much diversity (I'm talking racial diversity), then it is easy to be sucked in to a one-sided mindset.

If you've never been around black people (I'm using black because that's what I am, and it was the topic of that particular discussion) then what you see on television is exactly what you are going to believe. It's not fair that television and news is the sole source representing me for those who don't know anyone who looks like me.

Later that night I went back to room and asked myself, "How can some people think in such a close minded way?" Well, I came up with an answer. I'm not saying that it's the right answer, but that's the beauty of having an opinion column - there is no wrong or right.

I think it is safe to say that most people have heard the stories of how slavery came about, and the groups of people who were subject to it. But years after slavery was abolished, it seemed that some people in America were still fighting for the right to simply be.

In the early 1900's a group of laws by the name of "Jim Crow" were in full swing. The term Jim Crow is believed to have originated around 1830 when a white, minstrel show performer, Thomas "Daddy" Rice, blackened his face with charcoal paste or burnt cork and danced a ridiculous jig while singing the lyrics to the song, "Jump Jim Crow," making a mockery of a black man.

The unofficial laws' purposes were to separate the white and black people in public schools, parks and even on buses. They said it was separate but equal, and although it was indeed separate, it was in no way equal.

Black people had the worst schools, weren't allowed to sit in certain areas on public transportation were not even allowed to eat in the same restaurants. If a person of color were to step outside of their boundaries, they were subject to beatings, lynchings, assault, and even arrest.

It wasn't until the 1950s that the laws were ruled unconstitutional and overturned. But even then there were other laws that prevented blacks from getting ahead in what we call the "land of the free." Many died simply for the right to vote.

In 2006, some can't imagine telling anyone that they can't do something on the bases of skin color, but in a way, I think old Jim Crow lives on. Hatred was the foundation set years ago that this nation was built on, so how can I expect people not to have biases?

If you've lived in areas where there wasn't much diversity, it's probably a product of Mr. Crow; it seems that we have all been separated to the "white sides of town", and the "black sides."

If the only time you see any minorities is on Cops, or iced up in a rap videos, shaking their laffy taffy, I guess I could understand why some think the way they do. Because my roots are in Youngstown doesn't mean that I'm some sort of gangster (I'm actually the complete opposite, but don't tell anybody).

Yes, my upbringing may be different from many others,' but that's what made that discussion on the third floor of Galbreath special. We were all different and that was cool.

The way I see it, silly laws and separation in past can be a reason for the way things are today, but we can't blame them if we are not willing to do anything about them. Step outside of your comfort zones and be willing to get to know someone who is different from you. Don't be afraid to ask those touchy questions, we need more of them.

I'm so happy that I took that late night walk over to Galbreath, and I'm even happier that my friend was not in her room when I got there because I was able to learn so much from 15 ordinary people who were willing to take an extraordinary step to fixing the problem.

Remember that it was only 51 years ago that the civil rights movement began, that many of our parents were alive and many were affected. I'm sure that some of those things played a major role in the way we all were raised, whether good or bad.

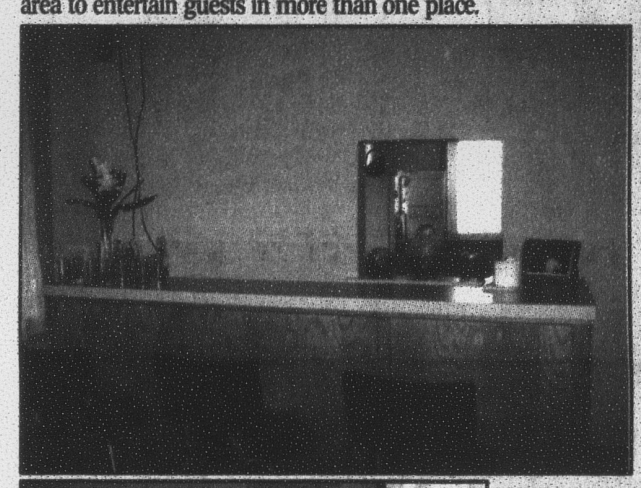
Monday night, 15 students - some strangers, some acquaintances, some black, some white - sat in the hallway of Galbreath and created a simple formula among them, which could change the world. We talked to each other. 0Get the formula!

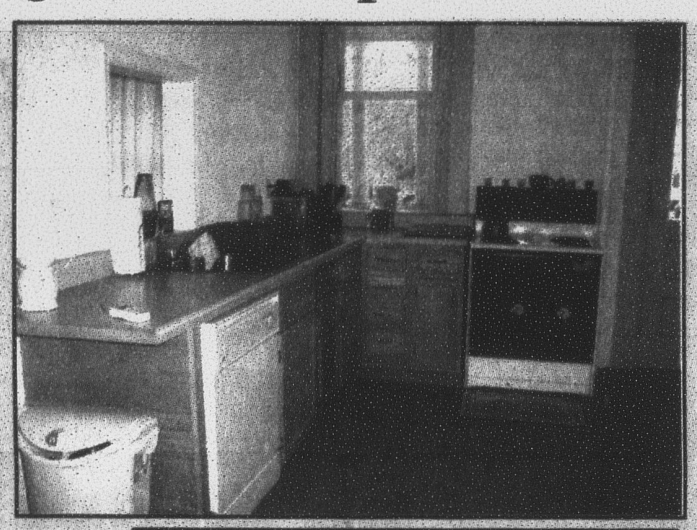
Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

WC Cribs

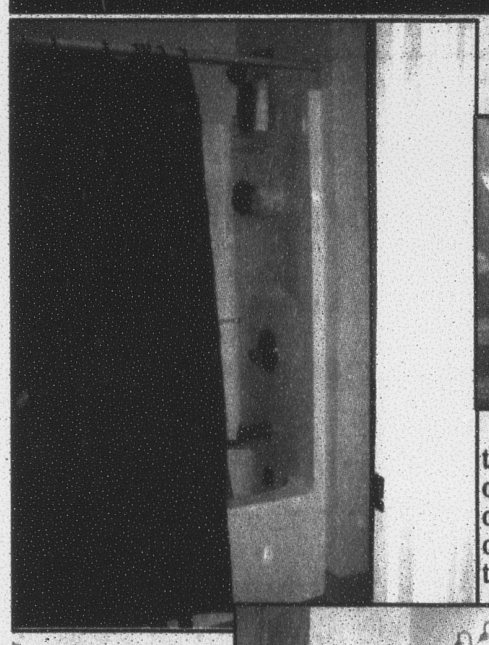
This week, Features Editor Jenn Corkadel takes us to Charlie Judge's sweet apartment

The bar in a corner of the spacious living room offers a view into the kitchen, and a television mounted overhead offers division from the main area to entertain guests in more than one place.

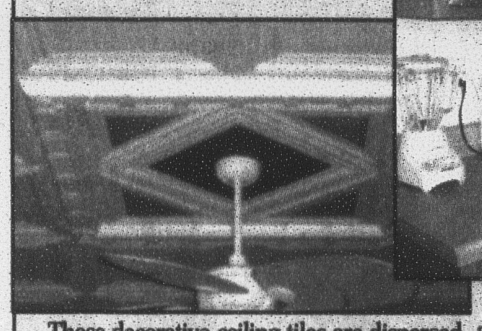




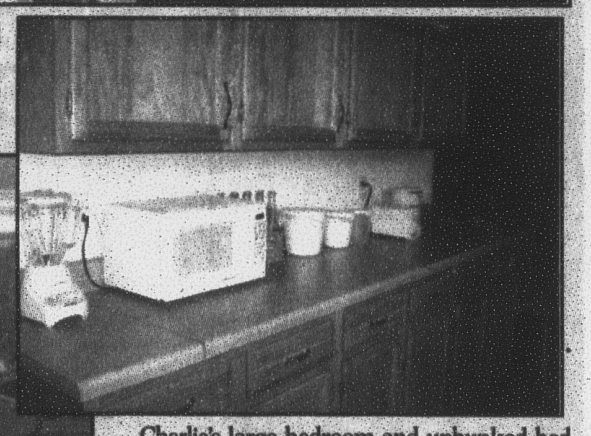
The spacious kitchen, complete with dishwasher and storage space, allows the guys to prepare real meals and entertain frequently.



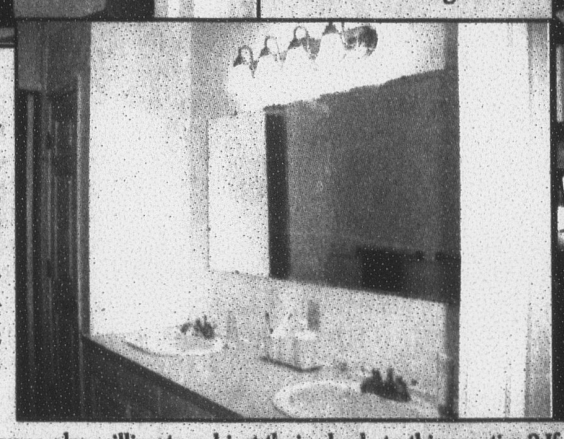
The front door leads to a private porch facing New Castle Street.



These decorative ceiling tiles are dispersed throughout the bedrooms, game room and office of the apartment. The hallways and other main rooms also have ornate ceilings, original to the Haines building.



Charlie's large bedroom and unbunked bed, as well as the rest of the suite of furniture are the envy of many on campus... whether admitted or not.



Charlie's bathroom offers convenience plenty of space for he and his roommate, alumnus Jimmy Connell, to share.

A separate inner room for the shower and restroom offers separate areas for privacy.

Is anyone else willing to subject their abode to this scrutiny? If you'd like your residence to be featured, let us know! Contact information for *The Holcad* is in the staff box on the Opinion page.

UFO sightings in Lawrence County

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

"Into the air, and what seemed corporal melted as breath into the wind."

Two U.F.O. sightings in Lawrence County have received media attention and seem appropriate for the eerie Halloween weekend.

The third week of April in 1897, Lawrence County resident, Eli Houk, and two fellow employees worked at a creamery in the village of Energy when a bizarre "airship" entered the sky.

The following newspaper headline read "Mysterious Craft of the Air Seen in Energy," and may mark Lawrence County's first recorded U.F.O. sighting.

A dark form that seemed to produce light quickly advanced through the sky toward the three men. The men explained that the intense light served to illuminate the craft's path for visibility.

The men, recognized by acquaintances as reputable community members, admitted a possibly flawed description due to the night's darkness and the velocity at which the craft traveled, but they testified to the craft's flight.

Other similar sightings emerged from various locations including Sharon, PA and states around this area and have been associated with the Energy sighting.

On another instance in June of 1967, a 50-year-old North Beaver Township resident Gabriel "Gabby" Kozora spotted a strange "spaceship" near his house off of Route 18.

After positioning his 9-year-old son, Jim, for a picture, Kozora heard "the screeching of one hundred jets," he turned and saw a large metallic craft rise from a gulley, hover above the ground about 500 feet for a moment before quickly rushing northwest. Before the craft dispersed, Kozora snapped two pictures with his instant camera.

A World War II gunner, Kozora explained that the craft appeared similar in size to the Air Force C-37, approximately 60 to 70 feet long.

Hesitant to reveal his story fearing a sullied reputation, Kozora confided in his neighbor, Harry Werner, and upon viewing the "still wet" photos, Werner then convinced Kozora to disclose his story and pictures to the media.

A young boy on Ambrosia Road–northwest of Kozora's home–reported a similar sighting, which supports Kozora's story. Justice of the Peace, Pauline Isaac, received other reports but little attention after soliciting proper government officials.

Flooded by the media, Kozora explained to one news reporter, "I wish I had never taken the pictures."

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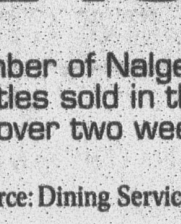

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Giving the gift of life

Photo by Katie Chandley

Education professor Dr. Patrick Krantz received a kidney thanks to fellow professor Joyce Hoellein.

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Last May, Joyce Hoellein donated her kidney and helped save the live of fellow education professor, Dr. Patrick Krantz.

But Krantz received a kidney from stranger Ben Welden. So where is Joyce Hoellein's kidney? Confused?

Patrick Krantz had been waiting for a kidney for three years. He received dialysis treatments 3 nights a week, usually after a full day of teaching.

"I didn't understand how sick I actually was until after my transplant" Krantz said. Those three years were filled with fatigue and nausea and an incredible fluctuation in his weight, an uncomfortable side effect of dialysis.

After nine surgeries and two mini-strokes, Joyce Hoellein came forward to offer Krantz a kidney.

When asked if the two had any other personal connect outside of the Education department, Hoellein replied, "I hired him," showing that she is one boss who is far above and beyond the call of duty. Unfortunately, the two colleagues were not a compatible match for a transplant.

But, with no intentions of giving up, Krantz and Hoellein investigated the "kidney exchange program" at Akron's City hospital.

In an interview with *County Line* reporter Jill Carle, Hoellein had explained that "Patrick had found out about a program that's called the kidney exchange program. If you are in need of a kidney and have a willing donor that does not match…they have a computer program where other people who need a kidney and have a willing donor but they don't match can get matched up with the other pair."

The other pair was doughnut shop owner Peter Welden and his son Ben, both from Akron Ohio. Welden, who couldn't find a compatible donor among his seven kids, was also in desperate need of a donor.

Four-way swapping is a relatively new option for those waiting for kidneys. The first was reported to have taken place in 2001 at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore. Hoellein stresses that this opens up many doors to those waiting for a donor. An estimated nineteen people die each day waiting for kidney transplants.

Doctors gave Krantz three years to live after suffering kidney failure. But, after his recent transplant, he says that he has gained "at least 20 years."

During an interview on *The County Line*, he said that if the transplant "gives him two more days, it's worth it." He "feels like a new person" and "has too much energy." Many transplant recipients receive organs from cadavers, but those from living donors are more beneficial. Dr. Krantz was fortunate to receive the healthy kidney of a 30 year old man.

When asked if she was scared of losing a kidney, Hoellein commented that she had "no worries" about the surgery or possible side effects. Donors receive a very thorough physical, lots of blood work and the transplant center pays for everything.

"They don't cut you wide open. I had the surgery Tuesday morning and was back home Thursday night" Hoellein said.

Most of us don't make donating a spare kidney a priority in our lives, but Hoellein says she didn't think twice when given the opportunity "to really make a difference" in someone's life. In fact, Joyce Hoellein made a huge difference in a lot of people's lives; Dr. Krantz, his family, and the Welden family.

Hopefully others will be inspired by the strength and courage of both Krantz and Hoellein. Dr. Krantz suggests that "even if you can't give an organ, you can give the gift of time" and there is no doubt that sometimes the smallest gifts are the most important.

Alum receives national award for public service announcement

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

An alumnus of the college broadcast communications program was recently presented with an award for one of his video productions.

Justin Egley, a member of the class of 2006, was chosen by College Broadcasters Inc. (CBI) to receive the award for best Public Service Announcement (PSA) as part of the 2006 National Student Production Awards program. His video news release prepared for the Lawrence County Humane Society titled "Your New Best Friend" was one of three finalists that was judged to receive the top honor at the national college media conference held in St. Louis.

The spot was produced as part of Egley's Commercial Production course during his senior year. Brad Weaver, instructor of broadcast communications and instructor of the class, was impressed enough to suggest that Egley enter his work into the CBI competition.

"I was very surprised when my video productions professor, Brad Weaver, sent me an e-mail saying that my commercial was a finalist for the best PSA," Egley said, according to a news release on the college website. "I feel honored to have made the top three finalists, and thankful that Westminster was able to teach me how to put a commercial together from start to finish."

Egley's PSA was judged against productions from the CTV network stationed in Colorado State University and also the Viking Vision network from Berry College in Atlanta.

According to Weaver, Egley's project certainly had the quality and value to contend for the top honors against other projects from college broadcasters nationwide. Weaver noted in a website news release that Egley's work "included all the elements of good TV: sight, sound, motion, and emotion."

"What this nomination shows is validation of the student's work," Weaver said. "This shows that our students are creative, good writers, and well rounded players in media."

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Guys and Dolls to hit Beeghly Theater stage

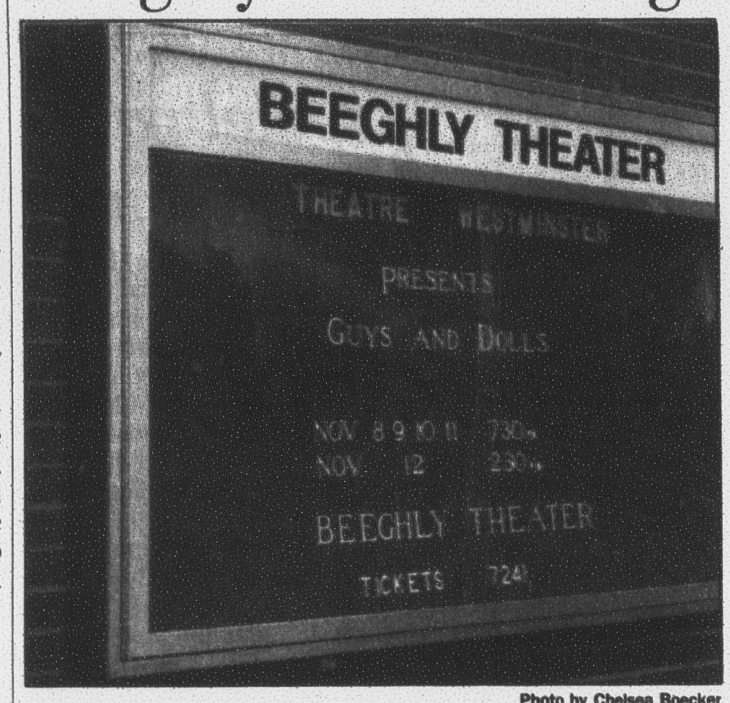

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

The Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* **begins Nov. 8.**

By Lucinda Safran
Campus writer

Gamblers and their ladies take the stage in the production of *Guys and Dolls* in Beeghly Theater Nov. 8 through Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

The musical comedy takes place in 1950s New York and is based on Damon Runyon's novels. Sky Masterson, played by junior David Timm, bets Nathan Detroit, played by senior John Buco, that he can convince any girl that Nathan chooses to go on a romantic getaway. Detroit chooses Sarah Brown, played by sophomore Alicia Tansey. Brown works for the Salvation Army and is currently short on sinners in the save-a-soul mission that she runs. The show also follows Miss Adelaide, played by junior Tracy Harmon, and her relationship with her fiancée of 14 years, Detroit.

"Exciting things to see in the production include two shows at the Hot Box Nightclub, a dice game with Lady Luck, a trip to Cuba and a Hallelujah chorus," Harmon said.

In addition to the things to look for, Harmon mentioned there are also costumes that the costume design team planned themselves. Harmon and the costume designers hope to bring a unique element to the show. Participants also choreographed dances and designed the stage and scenery.

"Audience members will get the chance to experience the Hot Box and also the city," Harmon said.

The orchestra, conducted by assistant professor R. Tad Greig, will play 32 musical pieces, ranging from background music for scenes to main musical numbers.

"So many classic musical numbers in this production excite the audience," sophomore ensemble member Kevin Shields said. "Some popular songs people may recognize are 'Luck be a Lady,' 'A Bushel and a Peck' and 'Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat.'"

The show is directed by Eileen Hendrickson, visiting professor of theatre, choreographed by Gina Sharbaugh, associate director of admissions, and technically produced by Mike Slane, communication studies, theatre and art instructor. Music directors include music faculty members Kris Harper and Bill Ambert.

"Everyone has been working really hard from the get go, and there is a lot of new talent in the show," Harmon said. "There are many people involved in this production - onstage and behind-the-scenes."

Registration time

Campus Connect expected to ease tension

By Jenna Hinks
Campus writer

Registration for spring classes begins next week.

The registrar's office has made significant changes to the registration process this year.

"The most significant change to registration this year is Campus Connect," June Pierce said. "All of the updates are going to be made electronically so that students will have a better idea of what classes are still open before they leave their rooms to register. We are working on having laptops set up with the faculty members that are seated to assist students who have problems with their schedules."

Although there have not been major alterations to the IP list, students should be aware of the transition from speech courses changed to communication and theatre courses.

SPE 201, 202 and 225, that fulfill the social thought and tradition IP have been changed to COM 201, 202 and 225.

SPE 205, which fulfills the humanity and culture IP has been changed to COM 205.

SPE 251 is now THE 251 and can be taken to fill the visual and performing arts IP.

Students should also be aware that SPE 302 is no longer being offered as an IP.

This spring, seven cluster courses are being offered for students.

They are "Speaking Hispanic," "Designer Genes," "The History and Religion of East Asia," "Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain: Stereotypes & Mass Media," "American Vision: Literature, History, and the Creation of a Democratic Society in America to 1877," "It's All Greek to Me," "Tracking the Criminal Thought Through Science and Literature" and "Tropical Ecology: Kenya."

Two of these clusters will be travel clusters.

One travel course is "Tropical Ecology: Kenya." In this class students will study the animals, the plants and the habitats of Africa. The history, traditions and cultures of Kenya are also part of the curriculum.

From May 20 to June 7, students will travel to Kenya and will be able to observe the wildlife, to meet the Masai tribe and to learn about their culture.

The other travel course is "It's All Greek to Me." This course focuses on Greek literature and philosophy.

It is a three week travel course to Greece. Students will be able to visit cities such as Athens, Delphi, Mycenae, Samos and Turkey.

Registration will take place November 6, 7, 8 and 9. Students will need their permit to register, their completed registration card and a completed alternate registration card, as well as completely filled out overload petitions, honors research cards and internship forms, if needed. Students who come prepared with all of the above should have no problem with registration.

"I am very excited for registration this year because I have enough credits to be one of the first juniors to register for this spring," junior Elena Infante said. "It makes me more confident that I will get into the classes I need to graduate."

See Page B-3 for more on the new Campus Connect system, a replacement for WebStudent.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

I can't wait to take over the world. It sounds so fun!

Haha, that sentence says that first-years don't exist.

Thanks for you, patients.

What is up with everything being called 'zilla' nowadays?

What is up with everything having 'pod' at the end of it? Even Burger King has jumped on the bandwagon with "Frypod."

That's not the good burning sensation.

I have planned the most unoriginal yet freaking awesome senior prank ever.

Ooh, bubbles!

It saddens me that the orb is bolted down now.

There's no point in living if you can't feel alive.

Someone gets paid to do that?

How did he know before me? He graduated already! He should not have known these things before I.

Dear campus, please stop using Comic Sans on your posters. Love, a concerned student.

Feed Mill makes me happy.

Don't make me roffle your luhmayo.

What the hell are those things?

Ah, Halloween. Only three weeks until Thanksgiving.

OCT 31 = DEC 25

Go on, it's not like it's bloody important.

Where have all the merrymakers gone?

MSG'D!

Desperate Housewives may be the silliest show I've ever seen. It's so frivolous.

Trigger-happy: the only way to be when facing the zombie horde.

I tink I tought I taw a puhtty tat.

This bottle of Irish Cream I bought has a mail-in rebate on it. This the dawning of an age.

Sudo make sandwich –destination=/usr/stomach

Let's give a great hurrah to Microsoft for once again breaking the Internet.

You need to work on you before we can work on us.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

How do you define 'friendship?'

Friendship is one of the most valuable things on the Earth.

Friends can entertain you; they comfort you in a time of need; they can help you get a job; they can help you realize and execute your dreams.

Friends can also frustrate you beyond belief; they can anger you; they can turn their back on you in a time of need; they can watch you get fired and do nothing to defend you; they can tear down your your hopes and dreams with their selfishness.

No matter what, we are nothing without our friends. No one can go through life alone and if someone tells you they can, they are lying to themselves and you should take it upon yourself to prove them wrong.

Hell, just by talking to them, you've given them a friend.

Go out and talk to someone you've never talked to before. You just may make a friend.

Self-knowledge can fuel diversity

By Lana Yoo
Daily Bruin (UCLA)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES -- As physically unthreatening as my mother is, her verbal artillery is quite intimidating.

After threatening to send me back to Asia if I limited myself to befriending only Koreans, I became so fixated on being diverse that I shied away from my own people.

Once I arrived at UCLA, however, my mother's ominous precautions kicked in as I scanned the diverse -- yet segregated -- student body.

Groups of Asians huddled together, whites bunched in one direction, Latinos walked in their own groups, and black students clustered in another direction.

"How come people don't try and diversify?" Evan Shulman, a third-year cognitive science student, remembered asking when he first arrived at UCLA.

There's no doubt that negativity arises when people of similar cultural identities and nationalities congregate -- especially when it becomes exclusive.

But as I began to form more friendships with Koreans and joined a Korean traditional music group on campus, I realized that congregating into respective cultures is not such a bad thing after all.

It develops and preserves cultural identity and allows people to cope with challenges specific to their culture.

But I realized how less Korean I was compared to others when I joined the organization. I didn't integrate Korean vocabulary into my everyday language, and I didn't know how to crack Korean jokes. Did this make me a terrible Korean, out of touch with my roots, or was this a testament to my integration into American society?

And the eternal question of "Am I more Korean or American? How do I become both – as a Korean American?" kept easing into my head.

Finding this balance between one's native culture while living in the U.S. provides motivation to congregate with people of the same ethnicity.

"(Having) a group of friends in native tongue helps me maintain my ethnic background," said Kan Pang, a third-year international economics student and activities director for the Chinese Student Association.

Third-year biochemistry student Ruben Ordaz stays in touch with his roots through the Latin American Student Association, where he participates in merengue dancing and gets updates on Latin music and TV shows.

He says it is easier to talk about these topics with other Latinos than with people who do not share his heritage.

Prior to joining LASA and befriending Latinos, "I wasn't aware of what my culture had to offer," Ordaz said.

Besides preserving and developing cultural identity, people of similar cultures can relate to common difficulties more immediately.

Shulman remembered trying to help an Asian friend deal with parents pressuring her to pursue science.

He indicated that it was difficult to fathom the situation since he had never felt that from his own parents. He reasoned that his friend could have received more helpful advice from friends of her ethnicity who would have experienced similar circumstances.

Though Shulman questioned the lack of diversity when he first arrived at UCLA, "I understand why people have groups now," he said.

Asian American studies lecturer Daniel Lee couldn't agree more. "If you talk to people with similar experiences, much less explanations are necessary," he said.

Lee also emphasized how "one of the purposes of college education is to interact with people of different backgrounds and values. You're not getting as much educational experience by limiting social interaction."

That had been my mantra growing up. Only diversity can foster true tolerance and personal growth.

However, contributing to diversity also requires knowing your own culture. If people didn't congregate to share and solidify their cultures, we would be ignorant of our own identities, and a diverse world would be nonexistent. And while new and open experiences are exciting, it's also nice to come back to something familiar.

I realized how much I had forgotten Korea -- the culture, the people. I was reminded of this during a talk with my Korean friend Hyelim Oh, a student at Palomar College.

"And you know that feeling, walking along Dongdaemun on a crisp night, eating a warm boong-a-ppang, people packed to your left and right, and you just feel so happy? I can't explain it -- but you know," she said.

She was right: No explanations were necessary. And at that moment, I knew that as much as I am American, I had been Korean all along.

Student-activist voice grows

Staff Editorial
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS -- Historically, in times of crisis, student activism has been a crucial force for social change in the world and today is no different. Very aware of systems of oppression both on local and global scales, young people are making their voices heard. With students participating in protests regarding immigration rights and traveling to provide aid in the wake of the Katrina disaster, a growing student voice in grassroots activist efforts is emerging in almost every part of the country. However, what sets apart and strengthens this movement is the connectivity of the students in their efforts to make change.

Student organizations across the nation are uniting under one common goal: to put a stop to the erosion of human rights. By creating a massive national network, students are forging a collective effort to gain social justice. This network reinforces the importance of the commonality of struggles and draws strength from these united experiences. Not only does it provide a space for young grassroots organizers to share their experiences and perspectives, the network allows for well-executed concerted action.

This emerging movement emphasizes that effective social change hinges on the ability of individual activists to organize with others collectively. It allows students to share resources, coordinate protests and create speaking tours, highlighting that effective action emerges from collective efforts involving large numbers of people at the grassroots level. This resurgence of student activism focuses on the reaching of common goals and a common understanding of issues through the forging of relationships based on solidarity.

The existence of dedicated, socially aware students is not enough to provide success for student groups; they must draw their power through the formation of alliances with organizations all over the country. By joining in solidarity with others, student movements gain the power necessary to transform society.

As students, we have a remarkable opportunity to become agents of historic and social change. Through networking with students all over the nation -- and even the world -- we have the power to serve as the conscience for nations and remind society of the aspirations of all people for justice and equality.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrity Series cannot interfere with academics

Many readers of the Holcad are well aware of the Celebrity Series, the program which brings acts from outside the Westminster community to Orr Auditorium. This program not only allows for people from the area to participate in activities on campus, but it also is a major source of funding for the college.

Unfortunately, it seems that this program interfered more and more with academics in the past couple years. Last year, I was in the Honors Colloquium on a Tuesday night when the people in charge of the Celebrity Series decided to use every classroom on the first floor of Patterson Hall except ours for dressing rooms. As such, they had the musical playing at full volume on a speaker, making it very difficult for Dr. Hicok to teach and for us to learn.

But after last Thursday morning, I can say that this is truly a serious problem. As many reading this know, Dorothy the Dinosaur came to Westminster to entertain local children. Because of this, the people in charge of the Celebrity Series decided to use not one, but two classrooms in Patterson for this show in addition to Orr. One of these classrooms is the room where my capstone class is. While I realize that the history seminar room is supposed to double as the Celebrity Series dressing room, it would have been nice to inform Dr. Martin and his class ahead of time of this inconvenience.

The Celebrity Series set aside the other classroom they took away from the faculty and students of the college as a party room for the children attending the show. This classroom was located just down the hall from where Dr. Cohen was trying to teach his constitutional law class, of which I am a member. This decision effectively turned the atmosphere of the second floor of Patterson from that of an academic institution to one close to the typical atmosphere at Cici's.

I am not suggesting that Westminster should end the Celebrity Series, as it does benefit both the college and the surrounding community. But if the college wants to continue to sponsor this program, it will have to set its priorities straight on which is more important: financial gain or being a community of learning. The Celebrity Series must stop interfering with the academic process for the faculty and students who need to use Patterson for academic reasons.

Jeff Ammons
Senior

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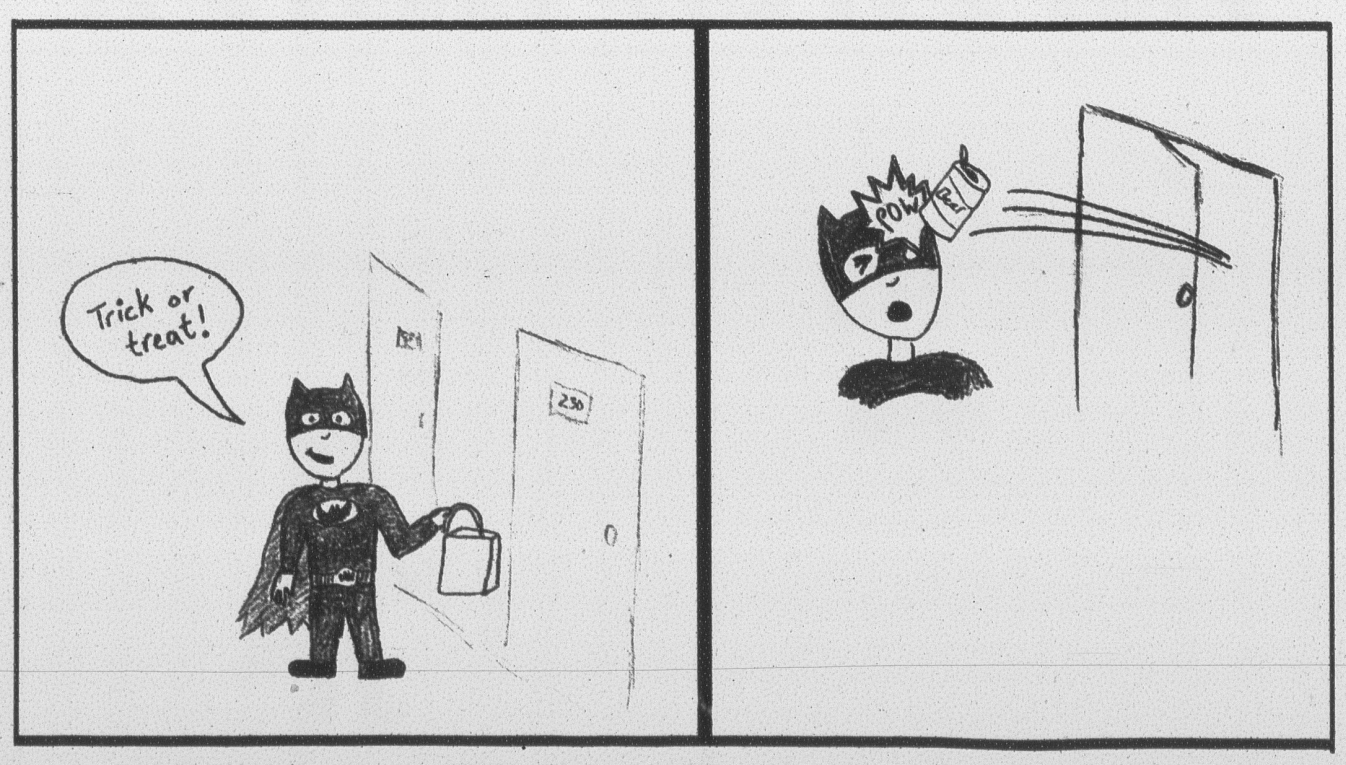

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Brooklyn student causes stir with Hitler costume

NEW YORK (AP) - A Brooklyn high school student caused a stir when he showed up for class dressed as Adolf Hitler for Halloween, insisting it was a satire of the Nazi dictator.

But some students and officials at Leon M. Goldstein High School were not impressed with the outfit Walter Petryk, 16, wore to school.

In order to avoid a disruption on the way to school, Petryk disguised his Hitler getup as a costume of Charlie Chaplin, adding a bowler hat and cane.

School administrators ordered the junior honors student to remove his beige coat bearing a red swastika armband or possibly face spending the day in the office, Petryk told the New York Post for Wednesday editions.

Petryk refused, saying his parody was protected by his right to freedom of expression.

Petryk's stepfather, Howard Bloom, who is Jewish and lost relatives during the Nazi genocide, told the Post he was initially "very disturbed" by the costume but nonetheless defended his stepson's rights.

"If he had wanted to advocate my genocide, I wouldn't have allowed" the costume, Bloom said. "That wasn't the spirit in which he was doing this at all. He was doing it in the spirit of Monty Python and Mel Brooks."

The city's Department of Education discipline code allows for the removal of students from class if they wear clothing that causes a disruption.

International

In major shift, China requires all death sentences to be approved by highest court

BEIJING (AP) - China, believed to carry out more court-ordered executions than all other nations combined, took a step forward in improving human rights Tuesday by enacting legislation that requires approval from the country's highest court before putting anyone to death.

Human rights activists expressed hope the country will reduce its use of the ultimate penalty. The amendment to China's capital punishment law follows reports of executions of wrongly convicted people and criticism that lower courts have arbitrarily imposed the death sentence.

China is thought to put to execute hundreds, and possibly thousands, of people each year for crimes ranging from murder to such nonviolent offenses as tax evasion. Amnesty International says China executed at least 1,770 people in 2005, but the true number is thought to be many times higher.

In a statement Tuesday, the London-based rights group cited a senior member of China's national legislature as saying some 10,000 people are executed each year. By Amnesty's figures of known executions, China was responsible for more than 80 percent of the 2,148 people executed last year around the world, including 60 in the United States.

"Clearly the changes are going in the right direction," Mark Allison, a Hong Kong-based researcher for Amnesty, said of the new legislation, which takes effect Jan. 1. "But we're still calling for China to go further _ to abolish the death penalty."

China's official Xinhua News Agency hailed the amendment as "the most important reform of capital punishment in China in more than two decades."

The change "deprives the provincial people's courts of the final say on issuing death sentences," the agency said. "Death penalties handed out by provincial courts must be reviewed and ratified by the Supreme People's Court."

The change adopted by the legislature Tuesday enshrines last year's announcement by the Supreme People's Court that it would start reviewing all death sentences, ending a 23-year-old practice of giving the final review to provincial courts.

"It's great news. This is a big step forward for China's legal system and human rights," said Li Heping, a prominent activist lawyer.

"It's going to have a psychological effect on local judges when they are making decisions because they are going to be afraid that if they approve capital punishment, the supreme court will overrule them," Li said.

Jerome Cohen, an American expert on Chinese law, called the new law "encouraging and significant" but said the next challenge will be enforcing the change.

"The court has been working hard to recruit a sufficient number of judges. It's proving to be slow going," Cohen said. "That itself tells you what a huge burden it is to adequately review the large number of death sentences."

Details about criteria for reviewing death sentences, as well as the standards and procedures, have to be worked out, he said.

In June, Xinhua said 30 judges from lower-level courts had been selected as the first trainees for death penalty tribunals. It said they will get three months of training and be on probation for a year before receiving a final appointment.

The court was also considering lawyers and law school teachers for the tribunals, Xinhua said.

Complaints have been common that lower-level courts mishandle death penalty cases.

Last year, a woman believed murdered in the 1980s in the central province of Hunan reappeared, 16 years after the man convicted of killing her was executed.

At the time of the execution, the court reportedly said the defendant confessed. Chinese police often are accused of torturing suspects into making confessions.

The case is one of a number of high-profile cases that state media has publicized in recent years highlighting the flaws of an aggressive policy of judicial executions. Death penalty lawyers and legal scholars in China have also begun discussing more openly the need for China to establish clearer procedures for the death penalty.

There has not been any debate, however, about abolishing capital punishment.

T. Kumar, the advocacy director for Asia for Amnesty International USA, said the shift came from a sense in the Chinese state media and academic community that the current system was unfair.

"There was some discussion that innocent people were being killed," he said. "They want to bring the death penalty issue under control. They were killing too many people."

Xiao Yang, the high court's president, said the new legislation is "an important procedural step to prevent wrongful convictions," according to Xinhua. "It will also give the defendants in death sentence cases one more chance to have their opinions heard."

The high court itself has been involved in controversial death penalty decisions.

In December 2003, a gang boss who said he was tortured into confessing to corruption charges was executed in the northeastern city of Shenyang in an anti-graft crackdown.

A provincial court had issued a reprieve, citing the possibility the torture claims might be true, but the Supreme People's Court overruled that decision and ordered his immediate execution.

Cohen said he hoped the amendment means that "ultimately there will be a reduction in the number of people executed _ and certainly the number of people executed wrongly."

However, Amnesty noted in its statement that there is a danger the new legislation "could further entrench the death penalty system in China."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Thiel Football Player Held For Court On Drug Charges

A star football player for Thiel College remains in the Mercer County Jail after failing to post a $100,000 bond following a preliminary hearing on drug charges Monday. A district judge ordered 23-year old Darious Thompson held for court. Greenville-West Salem police arrested him on October 20 with delivery of a controlled substance, conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Police arrested Thompson and two other Thiel students as part of an alleged crack cocaine ring operating near campus. Thiel College officials have praised local police for their work and say they are cooperating in the investigation.

200 Wins & 28 Years: Meet Wilmington's Coach Terry Verrelli

The Wilmington Greyhound football squad will head to the 2006 District 10 high school playoffs under Coach Terry Verrelli's leadership. A modest Verelli quietly acknowledged his 200th career coaching victory as Wilmington defeated Northwestern 19-0 on October 27. The Greyhounds have maintained an undefeated season (9-0 at this date) and will likely take the Region 3-AA crown. The team wraps up the regular schedule at Greyhound Stadium on Friday night when Moniteau comes to town.

Regional

Car dealership near Amish shooting lures buyers with free guns

OXFORD, Pa. (AP) - A car dealer's offer of a free shotgun with truck purchases has generated an opposition petition drive, partly because the dealership is located about 15 miles from where 10 Amish schoolgirls were shot.

Country Chrysler Dodge and Jeep began the promotion a month before the Oct. 2 shooting at West Nickel Mines Amish School, said dealership president Gordon R. Atkisson Jr. It was ending, as scheduled, on Tuesday.

The offer prompted Anabella Hampton, who lives nearby, to organize an Internet petition that asks for a law to ban such sales tactics.

"I was disgusted with the fact that somebody would actually offer a weapon as an incentive to purchase anything, let alone a car," Hampton told KYW-TV in Philadelphia.

As of Tuesday, 127 people had signed, including some who actually opposed her idea.

Pennsylvania State Police spokesman Jack Lewis said such promotions are legal as long as buyers go through a licensed gun dealer and submit to background checks, which the dealership's offer requires. He said similar offers have been made before in the state without generating problems for police.

Atkisson said he got the idea from a neighbor who showed him a newspaper article about a similar sales effort at a dealership in Florida. He said about 25 purchasers qualified for the certificate for a free shotgun at a nearby hardware store.

Many Amish are avid hunters, Atkisson said, and none has complained to him.

"I don't want to minimize the tragedy out there, but to link it to this promotion is absurd," he said.

There are about a million licensed hunters in Pennsylvania, according to the state Game Commission. Chester County, where Oxford is located, is composed of Philadelphia suburbs and more rural, agricultural areas.

The Amish school shooting occurred northwest of the dealership in neighboring Lancaster County. Five girls died and gunman Charles Carl Roberts IV killed himself.

Political Pong: Election Tuesday

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

In four short days, millions of Americans will be going to the polls to choose who they want to represent them. There are 435 House of Representative seats, 33 Senate seats and 36 gubernatorial seats open. Those numbers represent all of the House of Representative seats, about one-third of all Senate seats and approximately three-fourths of all gubernatorial seats.

Obviously, there is a lot at stake for both Democrats and Republicans in this election. Quite frankly, the Republicans have everything to lose, and the Democrats have everything to gain. The Republicans have controlled the House and the governors' mansions since 1994. The Senate has switched control, and the majorities have been slimmer, but the Republicans still have had the advantage. In fact, the only advantage that the Republicans do not have right now is the filibuster proof majority in the Senate. They would have needed 60 seats to have that majority.

Luckily, fellow Democrats, this Tuesday we have the chance to take back not just House but to take back the House Senate, and governorship. If Election Day turns out anything like the polls are predicting, the Democrats will have a comfortable majority in the House and a slight lead in governorships.

The Senate is completely up for grabs, and either party could have control of it after the votes are counted. Because of the past couple elections, Pennsylvanians have become accustomed to being one of the swing states. With the Senate race in Pennsylvania not being as close as expected, the states to watch are New Jersey, Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri. The outcomes in those states will ultimately tell which party will control the Senate.

Four years ago, Republicans were voted for in overwhelming numbers and given complete control of the government. Now the Republicans are scrambling just to hold onto seats. You may be asking yourself why this is happening. A significant part of the answer lies in Bush's presidential approval rating. Since the 2004 election, it has dropped significantly, and his supporters in Congress are taking the hit.

Just two years ago, the same supporters who were riding the coattails of President Bush to victory are now doing everything they can to be seen as "non-Bush" Republicans. This is not to say that they are anti-Bush because they are definitely are not, but they are trying to distance themselves especially from the policy choices which are making him unpopular. While the Republicans are trying to get some political distance from the president, the Democrats are trying twice as hard to connect the Republican candidates to the president.

In the 2004 election, the question most voters, both Democratic and Republican, asked themselves was whether or not they favored the policies of President Bush and the Republicans. Right now, it looks like voters will be asking themselves that same question again. It's hard for me to admit, but a sizeable amount of the Americans who are going to vote for Democrats on November 7 probably will not be voting FOR the Democrats but AGAINST the Republicans. On the bright side, the end result will still be same, and the Democrats will hopefully have some maneuvering room thus providing a check and balance to the Republican agenda.

As the results were coming in for the 2004 election, I found myself feeling a little blue and downtrodden. When I look at the results of the election this year, I hope to see lots of blue on the map. If you see Carsen crying on Wednesday, you'll know it was good night for the Democrats.

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Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

Here we go… my last chance to convince you to side with the Red Team on November 7 (that's the Tuesday coming up rather quickly on which you go to the polls and vote).

We've gone over the individual candidates, but you, dear reader, might be a party politics kind of person. You prefer to vote on the party as a whole rather than the individuals who make it up. If so, this is your election. Both Democrats and Republicans have a lot riding on this midterm, and every vote will count.

So what exactly do the Republicans have to lose on Tuesday? (You may remember reading this answer in Steve's article, but I have to give him credit when he's right – which hardly ever happens). The answer is simple: almost everything. We currently have a majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, making it easier to pass legislation the President and the party at large prefer. Our agenda is the agenda right now.

In the House, polls are not in our favor. Anywhere from twenty to thirty seats are on the line, eliminating the Republican majority entirely. The Senate doesn't look quite as bleak; polls say we'll maintain the upper hand, but not by much. Either way, our current stronghold on United States politics is under the gun.

So why this change in tide? Lawmakers are suffering the consequences of a two term, controversial presidency. President Bush isn't everyone's favorite man (I'm not sure why, he's so charming!). Americans aren't known for their ability to stay focused on one thing for too long. We have a national case of ADD. Take a controversial president who will be in office for eight years and add a longer than expected, controversial war, and someone's got to suffer sometime.

Candidates in 2006 are taking the national backlash for President Bush's policies in Iraq big time. Many Democratic campaigns are running advertisements saying "Representative Smith votes with President Bush 95 percent of the time." They're trying to tap into the stigma surrounding the president rather than focus on real issues.

What they should say is if Democrats are elected, the United States will get out of Iraq super quick. That is not a good thing. Changing hands in the middle of a war only spells disaster; we need stability and continuity. We've already ponged Iraq, so I won't go into that tirade again, but getting out now is not the answer.

The face of the Republican Party has ever so sweetly gotten smashed in recently. Former Representative Mark Foley gave Democrats a beautiful scenario to run with and run they did. They put the entire party to blame for a single man's actions. There is no excuse for what Foley did; he deserves every punishment. But the campaign crew on the jackass side painted a dirty picture of the situation; red team candidates will battle a stigma that the party is full of corrupt child molesters. It's dirty politics at its best, and Republicans nationally will suffer for it.

All the regular issues will play major roles as well, but more on an individual candidate basis than party wide. What's important is if you're a Republican, or just like the way things are going, or loathe Democrats as much as I do, there's no more important time to get your voice heard than now. Look at the issues, not the campaigns. Look beyond the dirty politics and vote based on what is most important to you. Whatever your decision, make your opinion known at the polls.

As for Tuesday, I'll probably be rocking in a corner in the fetal position. Come find me. I swear you'll be entertained by my nervous antics.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Labyrinth designer speaks

By Jenna Retort
Campus writer

"Landscape architect Mary Burris gave a gallery talk Oct. 26 on how the classic labyrinth became a memorial for Westminster alumna Sandy Edmiston.

"First we had to decide what would make a good design and then how to define the space that the design is in," Burris said.

Historically, the labyrinth was a complex maze, with an elaborate series of paths and tunnels, much like labyrinths in Greek mythology. In modern-day architecture, labyrinths are one path, and visitors enter and exit from the same place. In addition, labyrinths have been used in many cultures for prayer and meditation and date back more than 3,000 years. As a person who cherished the environment and the outdoors, family and friends decided that a meditation labyrinth was an appropriate memorial.

"The labyrinth is a fitting memorial because it is not the typical statue, and if you didn't know Sandy, it makes you think about the kind of person she was," freshman Lauren Korneke said.

In general, architects work with four different labyrinths. The design that was chosen for the meditation labyrinth is the simple seven-circuit, also known as the classical labyrinth. The labyrinth is designed so that visitors enter facing east where the sun rises and exit to the west, where the sun sets; in a sense, a story of our journey through life.

The labyrinth is made up of seven lanes, all of which are lined with fieldstone. When those who contributed to the labyrinth laid the stone down, there was no particular process, the stones were placed at random. Moreover, some people brought stones that had a special meaning to them, many of which were placed along the center. In addition, visitors can find a bench in the center where they can sit and enjoy the labyrinth in any way they choose.

"The labyrinth seems like a story of Sandy's life, not a story told in words, but a story told by the unique and personal stones left by those who cared about her," junior Crystal Arbore said.

The blueprint of the labyrinth was created by Burris. Burris is a graduate student at Chatham College for landscape architecture. The meditation labyrinth was her thesis project.

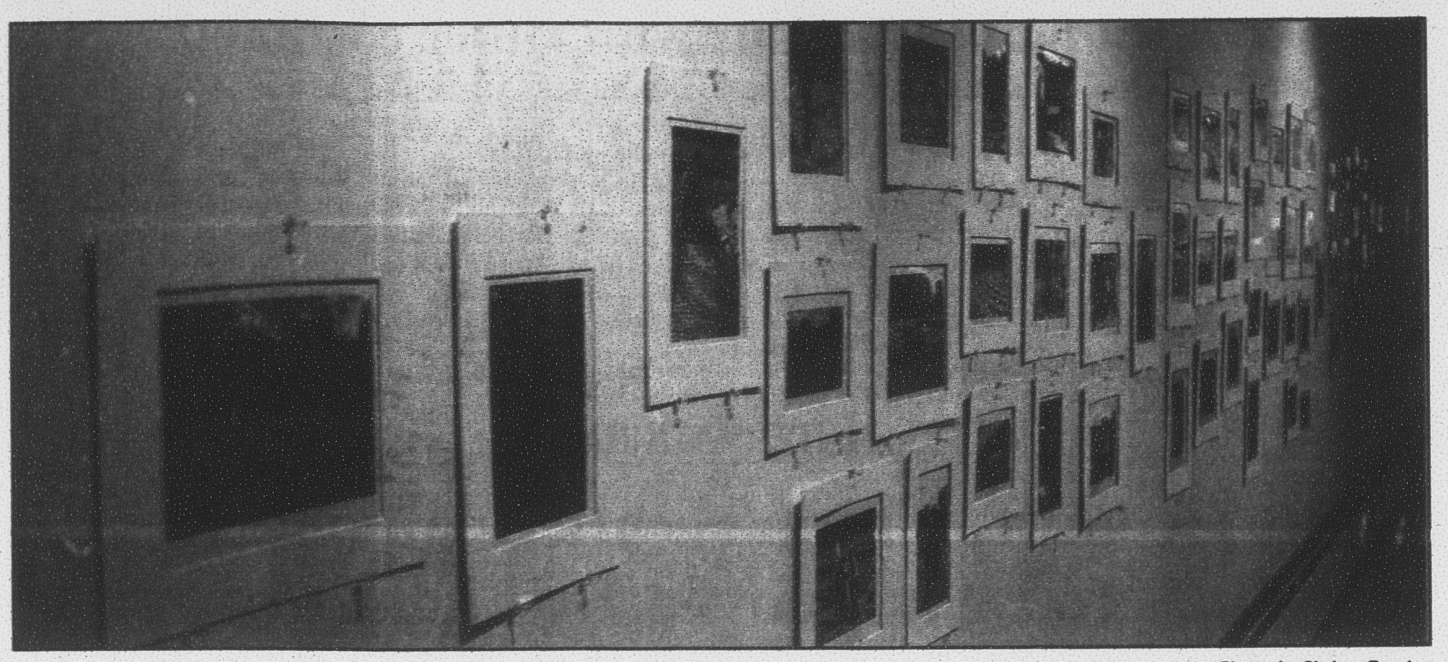
"I was the only person on the project that didn't know her so I read works by her favorite authors and I even read some of her work, to get to know who she was," Burris said.

Burris strived to make an organized space that was intimate and defined. Additionally, Burris maintained the natural look of the land by using natural plantings that are native to the area. She utilized the landscape and the surroundings to preserve the area, because she felt that was what Sandy would have wanted.

"There are no words to describe what an honor it was to work on a project for someone like Sandy and I feel like she helped with the labyrinth, made it complete," Burris said.

Edmiston, a 2005 graduate, was selected by her peers as the class's commencement speaker. Sandy died August 1, 2005–just months after graduation–in a rock climbing accident while interning at Murie Environmental Center in Moose, Wyoming.

After the accident, family and friends of Sandy created the meditation labyrinth that will be a permanent structure at the Field Station.



Photos by Chelsea Boecker

A large display in Patterson's Art Gallery features photographs of the labyrinth and its construction.

Personality indicator benefits groups

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

A number of students have found out whether they preferably think as an ISTJ, ENTP, or other combinations of letters, by taking the Myers Briggs Type Indicator.

The test, which was administered to the campus's Residence Life staff, helps give reason to random behaviors within a group by revealing how individuals prefer to think, learn, and handle situations based on four sets of preferences.

Ferguson Hall Residence Director Rachel Lantz has familiarized herself with the test and had it administered to her Ferguson Hall Residence Life staff.

"Taking the test is a good idea for anyone who is trying to work together as a team," Lantz said. "We are actually going to change the style of our meetings to better accommodate the staff's preferences."

The test, given by a certified administrator, contains simple personality-based questions, not meant to be dwelt on.

"You are supposed to use your first instinct when answering the questions," Lantz said. "That will give you the best result."

The answers determine how people prefer to think based on two of eight options in four categories. The categories are Extraversion vs. Introversion, Sensing vs. Intuition, Thinking vs. Feeling, and Judging vs. Perceiving.

After taking the test, each person is told which one of each of the two choices their mind prefers to use. For example, if a person's answer leads them to think in terms of Introversion, Sensing, Thinking, and Judging, they would be considered an ISTJ.

Although this can be a helpful tool for those looking to become more familiar with their own personalities, Lantz emphasized that people should not define themselves based on their results.

"The test is not meant to put people in a box," Lantz said. "It is not a definite answer to who someone is all the time."

Lantz explained that the test should not be compared to astrology or personality tests that can be taken online.

"If someone asked you to sign your name with your dominant hand, then asked you to sign your name using your other hand, you would be able to do both, but one is preferred over the other," Lantz explained. "Myers Briggs personality types are the same way in that every person has both types, they just dominantly use one as opposed to the other."

Myers Briggs was developed by the mother-daughter duo of Katharine Briggs and Isabel Briggs-Myers. They wanted to further emphasize the type theory developed by C.G. Jung, a Swiss psychiatrist and founder of analytical psychology. The researchers' main objective was to make Jung's theory available and understandable for group and individual use.

Alum

Egley wins broadcast award

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Even with Egley's win at today's conference, Mr. Weaver is still hopeful the CBI judges will send their comments on Egley's PSA. This professional feedback is what Mr. Weaver will use in classrooms as instructions for future projects.

Egley's recent employments after graduation include videography work for the New Castle News and most recently a videographer position at WKBN TV in Youngstown, Ohio. Egley has also had his share of celebrity encounters. Egley has filmed a press conference at the Chevrolet Centre in Youngstown with Mike Tyson.

Developing the future one student at a time

By Joey Knott
Staff writer

The Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) may be unfamiliar to many students, but the organization has been reaching college students here on campus and in hundreds of other colleges and universities in the region for many years now.

The CCO is an interdenominational campus ministry organization. Its goal is to build relationships between its members and college students and challenge them to consider how their Christian faith is involved with their role as a student and also their goals as professionals.

The CCO has partnered with the college to enable staff members to work with and get to know its students. As a result, members have been able to reach students and share their experiences as former college students themselves.

The CCO website states one of its goals is "to reach out to students on their territory, to walk alongside them and provide guidance and care where needed."

There are four full-time CCO staff members and one part-time volunteer on campus. These full-time members include Laura Nystrom, Brian Vare, Crissy Valentine, and Rachel Lantz. Steve Nystrom volunteers part-time. Laura Nystrom, Vare, and Valentine direct the Titan Traverse program on campus, while Rachel Lantz works as the Residence Director in Ferguson Hall.

All staff members see their jobs on campus as opportunities to employ their skills and goals as members of the CCO. The relationships developed as a result of their place on campus are highly affected by their roles as members of the coalition. While each staff member has a different job on campus, their goal as a member of the CCO is generally the same: to help students develop their faith and learn what it has to do with their lives.

"The CCO is an organization committed to transform college students to transform the world," Laura Nystrom said. "We accomplish this by partnering with churches, colleges, and organizations to develop men and women who live out their faith in every area of life."

Although there are many opportunities on campus for students to find spiritual participation, the members of the CCO do not want to replace or compete with these opportunities.

"We don't want to replace other ministries on campus," Laura Nystrom said. "We cooperate with other ministries because we want to enhance the environment in which we are serving, not compete with good things that are already happening."

The CCO's most recognizable event is the annual Jubilee Conference which takes place every February in Pittsburgh. This conference brings together students from many colleges and features keynote speakers, music and fellowship. The goal of the conference is to challenge students to ask themselves what their faith has to do not only with their academic careers, but also their future professional pursuits.

The CCO was created in 1971 and was originally committed to working only with colleges within a 200-mile radius of Pittsburgh. Today, the CCO reaches hundreds of colleges and universities in the mid-Atlantic region (Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New York and the greater Washington D.C. area).

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High	High 38	High 47	High 53	High 49	High 56	High 61
Low	Low 26	Low 31	Low 38	Low 40	Low 45	Low 45
Partly sunny with snow showers	Clouds and sunshine	Times of clouds and sun	Clouds limiting sun	Clouds and sun	Mainly cloudy	Considerable clouds

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:54 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Saturday	6:56 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Sunday	6:57 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Monday	6:58 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Tuesday	6:59 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Friday	4:01 p.m.	4:27 a.m.
Saturday	4:29 p.m.	5:45 a.m.
Sunday	5:01 p.m.	7:06 a.m.
Monday	5:41 p.m.	8:27 a.m.
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	9:44 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 20	Nov 28

Weather History

A hurricane reached New York City on Nov. 3, 1861. Flooding from torrential rain lasting for 20 hours brought out thousands of rats. Residents of the city chased the rodents with their hunting dogs.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	40	23	pc	41	29	c	46	33	c	52	39	pc	50	38	c
Butler, PA	41	22	sf	38	26	c	46	30	c	54	38	c	50	40	c
Cambridge, OH	43	23	s	41	30	c	48	31	c	55	38	pc	52	38	sh
Canton, OH	41	23	pc	40	29	pc	46	33	c	53	39	pc	50	39	c
Cincinnati, OH	48	25	s	48	34	pc	53	35	c	55	44	pc	57	43	sh
Clarion, PA	40	23	sf	37	26	c	44	31	c	52	36	c	48	39	c
Clarksburg, WV	42	23	s	47	28	pc	52	32	pc	56	39	s	54	42	sh
Cleveland, OH	41	28	pc	40	31	c	46	36	c	52	41	c	52	41	c
Columbus, OH	43	23	s	43	30	pc	48	34	c	55	40	pc	55	42	sh
Cumberland, MD	47	24	s	42	27	pc	47	32	pc	54	36	pc	51	39	c
Erie, PA	41	32	sf	41	34	c	48	39	c	53	42	c	52	42	c
Franklin, PA	40	23	sf	38	26	c	46	32	c	52	37	c	48	39	c
Greensburg, PA	42	24	pc	39	28	pc	50	33	pc	55	39	pc	52	42	sh

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	40	24	sf	37	29	c	46	34	c	52	39	c	49	40	c
Grove City, PA	41	23	sf	38	27	c	46	31	c	53	38	c	49	39	c
Hagerstown, MD	46	28	s	48	29	s	51	34	pc	56	40	pc	54	43	c
Indiana, PA	41	25	sf	38	28	pc	48	34	c	57	41	pc	53	43	r
Jamestown, NY	34	25	sf	38	28	c	42	34	c	50	36	c	47	39	c
Kittanning, PA	42	24	sf	39	28	pc	48	33	c	55	40	pc	53	42	r
Lisbon, OH	44	24	pc	40	29	pc	47	33	c	52	39	pc	50	40	c
Mansfield, OH	38	22	s	40	29	c	45	33	c	51	38	pc	51	37	c
Marietta, OH	45	25	s	44	30	pc	52	32	c	55	41	pc	55	40	sh
McKeesport, PA	43	24	pc	40	30	pc	50	34	pc	54	38	pc	50	42	sh
Meadville, PA	36	25	sf	36	31	c	45	37	c	52	40	c	48	40	c
Morgantown, WV	42	24	pc	43	27	pc	49	35	pc	56	38	pc	52	40	sh
New Castle, PA	43	24	sf	39	28	c	47	32	c	54	39	c	50	41	c

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Oil City, PA	39	24	sf	39	27	c	46	33	c	53	36	c	48	40	c
Pittsburgh, PA	40	25	pc	42	28	pc	50	32	pc	54	36	pc	49	40	sh
Sharon, PA	41	24	sf	38	27	c	47	33	c	52	38	c	49	40	c
Somerset, PA	33	23	sf	36	27	pc	42	33	pc	51	35	pc	46	38	sh
Steubenville, OH	43	23	pc	41	30	pc	47	33	pc	53	37	pc	50	42	sh
Uniontown, PA	43	23	pc	42	28	pc	48	33	pc	55	37	pc	52	39	sh
Warren, OH	41	24	sf	38	26	c	47	32	c	52	39	c	50	40	c
Washington, PA	42	22	pc	43	26	pc	48	29	pc	53	36	pc	52	37	sh
Waynesburg, PA	42	23	pc	43	27	pc	48	32	pc	54	37	pc	52	38	sh
Wheeling, WV	40	23	pc	41	31	pc	46	33	pc	53	38	pc	50	43	sh
Youngstown, OH	39	24	sf	38	26	c	47	32	c	51	38	c	49	40	c
Wooster, OH	41	21	pc	43	29	c	44	32	c	50	37	pc	52	38	c
Zanesville, OH	41	23	s	42	30	c	48	31	c	55	40	pc	53	38	sh

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Sports

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Women's XC finishes third at PACs, men take fourth

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The men's and women's cross country teams competed in the PAC last Saturday, Oct. 28, which was hosted by Waynesburg College. The Lady Titans placed third in the four-team event with an accumulated 91 points, while the Titan men took fourth in the five-team race with an amassed score of 105.

Senior Scott Seserko placed 37th out of 83 runners in the men's eight-kilometer race with a time of 30:32.

"The PAC race was very frustrating; it is hard to have your best race of the season while there are elements like rain and temperatures that could not be ignored. The entire course was mud and water logged, which makes it hard to have controlled footing," Seserko noted. "Also, Waynesburg did not have splits on the course which was very frustrating. A PAC cross country championship event that has no splits is like not having the score posted on the board at a football game; while you're competing you don't know where you stand."

Shortly after, junior Cory Criss finished in 39th place with a time of 30:39.

"Although we had to face unbearable weather conditions, I would say it went pretty well," Criss said. Junior Will Delair finished in 43rd with a time of 30:58, while sophomore Aaron Titus finished with a time of 33:02. Finishing with a time of 34:08 was junior Joey Knott.

"We had a great time at Waynesburg considering the horrible weather. I think the PAC race is always enjoyable because it gives us a chance to compete with some good friends from other schools, who we have all come to connect with," Knott stated. Sophomore John Varley had a finishing time of 35:41.

On the women's side, freshman Elizabeth Beardsley garnered all-PAC second team honors with her 22nd place overall with a six-kilometer time of 26:30 in a field of 75 runners.

Junior Leanna Stitt was the next highest Lady Titan finisher with a 40th place time of 28:32. Finishing in 44th was freshman Amanda Everett with a time of 28:56, and not shortly behind was freshman Michelle Bristrica with a time of 28:59.

"The team tried to peak for PACs so we could show the conference what we were all about this year. At practice we run in a pack during all of our runs, whether they are long runs or intensity workouts. It really helps out in races because we always end up running close to each other," Bristrica stated. "I know the pack helped me get through the meet last Saturday. When the conditions are that bad it's really easy to slow down your pace and give up, but when you're running with your teammates, it's a little extra motivation to keep pushing through."

Finishing in 48th place was sophomore Shalyn Eakin with a time of 29:04, followed by sophomore Lindsey Stankiewicz with a time of 32:16.

"All of our hard work throughout the season really paid off at PACs. We pulled together as a team and showed that we worked hard to get were we are," Stankiewicz said. Freshman Jordan Early finished with a time of 38:00.

"I think our team will do great at regionals; we are all so close that we push each other and cheer each other on no matter what," Eakin said.

Grove City won both the men's and women's team championships with 19 and 32 points. The men's and women's cross country teams will finish the season at Waynesburg College for the NCAA regionals on Nov. 11.

Contributed photos

Seniors Amy Carroll and Scott Seserko run during a race.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

I did it!

In case you didn't know, the U.S. population has topped 300 million. Dennis Green's words are still true today; the Bears are indeed who we thought they were. Another former athlete who is not from concentrate, but should dwell in a U.S. penitentiary is just another to try his luck in the market of writing a book.

As I first mentioned, 300 million people now live in the United States of America. Wow! Now, more people than ever in the U.S. will *not* be watching the NBA this year. For the minority of sports fans who do care about the NBA., I have a couple of predictions.

Forget about the Mavs, Suns, and Clippers in the West. When San Antonio takes the West by storm, you can say you heard it here first, way back in November. Don't be surprised to see the Miami Heat take the number four seed in the East, and then dominate the playoffs.

Gary Payton and Zo Morning are on their last leg, Toine Walker has bum knees, and Shaq isn't getting any younger. Couple this with Dwayne Wade taking 740 tough fouls, and Udonis Haslem's Eric Snow-like offensive skills, and they probably will win the fourth seed. However, once the playoffs roll around, D-Wade and Shaq will take the team all the way to the finals, where they will bow to TD, Manu, and Eva Langoria's husband.

If nothing else Dennis Green has provided NFL fans with humor and insight this season, because as Cardinal fans know, he sure doesn't provide wins. And oh yeah, Denny, "The Bears are who we thought they were!"

They are a team that plays defense in a manner comparable to the Steel Curtain. They are a team with an improved offense and an undefeated record. They are a team with a head coach who knows how to get his players ready to play. You might want to take a couple of notes on that, Denny.

After a 1-7 start, Cardinal fans everywhere will be saying, "Dennis Green's job status is what we thought it was: unemployed."

Did you know the "Join Teams, Not Gangs" campaign was at the Miami versus Florida International contest? The game went great for kids who are looking for both, a team and a gang. They can kill two birds with one stone and just join the Miami Hurricanes.

After this dubious display, Coach Coker may just be known as a choker. I hope he is a good stroker, because he will have plenty of time on the links, or perhaps he may play lots of poker after his life as Miami head coach becomes a croaker. In all seriousness, it is time for the 'Canes to get rid of Coach Coker. The Butch Davis rebirth is on in Miami.

After seeing athletes with sterling reputations, like Jose Canseco and Terrell Owens write successful books, O.J. "innocent beyond the shadow of a reputation" Simpson figured he would try his luck. His book includes a foreword by defense attorney Johnny Cochran, titled, "The benefits of being an ex-NFL star and the money to be made in defending one after deducting the money spent in paying people off."

O.J. plans to title his book, "If I Did It." Just another book with a title that is one word too long.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Titan swimmers begin season well with good showing at relay carnival

By Bob Long
Sports writer

The Westminster swim teams started their season off with the Westminster Relay Carnival on October 27.

Both the men's and women's teams had good showings but neither team came out in first place. The Titans are going into the season very optimistic and with a good chance of bringing home a PAC title again this year.

The Titans competed against several teams in the relays including Chatham, which will be a member of the PAC next season. The Westminster College men's and women's swimming teams opened the 2006-07 season with a combined second-place finish as hosts of the Westminster Relay Carnival at the Westminster Natatorium. The teams swam valiantly but were overpowered by a very well-prepared Carnegie Mellon team.

The Titan men placed second with 100 points, finishing second behind Carnegie Mellon (122). Allegheny (64), Fairmont State (58) and Edinboro (56) rounded out the field of five men's teams. The Titan women took third with 92 points, placing just behind second-place Edinboro (94). Carnegie Mellon won the women's points standings with 122. Other women's teams competing were Allegheny (82), Fairmont State (24) and Chatham (22). While both teams swam well, more will need to be done for the Titans to swim at the level that will be needed to win PACs.

When asked about the teams chances to win PACs this year, junior Ashley Linnelli said, "I think both teams will win PACs this year, and both teams will have national representation from individual as well as relay events."

Also when asked about the teams performance in the relays, Linnelli said, "I think the team performed very well, and our coach was pleased with all of our times. I think we have our most talented team this year, and I am confident that both teams can win PACs this year!"

The team is very confident in its talent and Coach Klamut has pushed them very hard to gain this confidence.

Though Westminster placed second in the meet, there were two first place relay teams. The relay carnival featured a total of 20 men's and women's events. The women's team won the 300 backstroke relay with a time of 3:10.14, while the men's team won the 500 freestyle crescendo relay with a time of 4:20.79. The Titan men also placed second in seven other events and the Titan women second in four additional races.

The winning 300 backstroke team consisted of sophomore Megan Mier, freshman Natalie Rambish, and senior Amanda Lawton. The winning 500 freestyle crescendo team consisted of sophomore Stephen Burns, junior Tom Benoit, freshman Steve Seidelson, and senior Ryan Trunk. The team is not in competition again until Nov. 11 at Allegheny.

Lady Titan volleyball shines heading into PAC championships

By Melissa Kramer
Sports writer

The Westminster volleyball team has achieved top seed after defeating both Thiel and Thomas More and will be hosting the PAC tournament this weekend.

"It's exciting to be playing at home in front of our own fans," stated head coach Tammy Swearingen. "Hopefully there will be many Westminster students in the stands supporting the team. The encouragement fans provide can really boost a team's morale."

"Playing in front of our home crowd will be a great advantage. More people are able to come and hopefully more people will want to come out to support us," added sophomore Kylene Hoch. "I don't think the fans realize how much their support means to us and gets us pumped up. When everyone is going crazy in the stands, we play harder."

The Lady Titans traveled to Thiel last weekend and walked away with another PAC win. They conquered the opposition in three games (30-22, 30-23, 30-19).

Westminster's leading hitters were junior Danielle Hogue and senior Katie McDermott. Hogue recorded 15 kills followed by McDermott with ten kills. Sophomore setter Traci Hassell put up 35 assists. Both sophomore Rachel Terzak and senior Rachael Cooper contributed serving aces and blocks. Terzak had four aces and two solo blocks, while Cooper had three aces and two solo blocks. Hoch picked up 13 digs.

The Titans hosted Thomas More and Saint Vincent on Saturday. The team split matches defeating their PAC opponent Thomas More in four games (25-30, 30-24, 30-17, 30-16), but then falling to Saint Vincent in four games (30-19, 30-20, 28-30, 30-22).

Both junior Diana Conzett and McDermott posted four blocks during the Thomas More match. Conzett also contributed 16 kills and McDermott followed with 14 kills. Defensively Hoch led the way with 19 digs, while Hassell delivered 41 assists.

The Titans' defeat against Thomas More locked their position as the top seed in the PAC.

"Being in the top seed gives me mixed emotions," said McDermott. "Obviously I'm excited because this is the best we have done during my career, but it does add pressure to perform up to the standards that come with being at the top."

During the non-league match against Saint Vincent, freshman Sam Botzum and junior Jenna Hinks registered seven kills apiece. Hoch picked up 18 digs and freshman Corrie Gasser had 18 assists.

The Titans will be hosting the PAC tournament this weekend. All three matches will take place at the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium today and tomorrow. The Lady Titans will compete with fourth-seeded Thomas More followed by Grove City and Washington & Jefferson. The winners will play in the PAC championship match on Saturday.

"It feels like all of the hard work of being a student-athlete is paying off," stated Terzak. "This is why we all work so hard. All of the missed social functions and extra study time is worth it. When we look back, this is something we will remember for the rest of our lives."

Titan football falls to Frostburg State

By Bob Long
Sports writer

The Titans came off of an upsetting loss at Frostburg State on Oct. 28 with a score of 14-6, putting their record at 2-6 and 1-3 in the PAC.

The Titans have been playing decently over the past couple weeks and go away to Thiel on Nov. 4. The Tomcats won the PAC last season and were predicted to repeat, but they are only 4-4 and 3-2 in the PAC.

The Titans scored its lone touchdown with 12:23 remaining in the first quarter on a 23-yard fumble recovery and return by Josh Weese. Weese gave the Titans a short-lived lead early in the game. Frostburg instantly came out and scored with a little over three minutes left in the first on a 9- yard run by tailback Matt Clark. Frostburg also made the extra point to go up 7-6. With 7:47 left in the second quarter Frostburg scored again on a 32 yard drive capped off by a one yard QB sneak.

The Titans' last chance to score was denied by a nine-yard loss on a sack by Bobcat defensive lineman Justin Bressler with just over five minutes left in the game on the Titans' last trip into Bobcat territory at the 44-yard line. Frostburg State defeated the Titans in total yards, 338-226.

This includes a decisive 246-51 advantage in rushing yards. The Titans rush offense has struggled all year and shows no signs of starting up. Titan QB Kevin Franz led the team with 18 yards rushing on five attempts and 14-of-33 passing for 175 yards.

Sophomore WR Jordan Belosh caught a team-high four passes for 68 yards, while sophomore LB Jordan Blinn made a game-high 17 tackles to lead the Titan defense. Blinn is ranked second in the PAC with 10.8 tackles per game. He also led the team in tackles in five of the first eight games this season. Frostburg State RB Antoine Lewis rushed for a game-high 121 yards on 17 carries but is only the fourth 100-yard rusher against the Titans this season.

The Titans go into this week's game against a very well-known opponent in Thiel. Until the past two consecutive losses to the Tomcats, the Titans had won 18 straight games that had spanned over 49 years. Junior offensive tackle Shane Parker said of the upcoming Thiel game, "I think the key is for the team to come ready to play like I know we can and to jump on Thiel quickly and keep pounding them all game on both sides of the ball".

The Titans travel to Thiel this weekend to play at Alumni Stadium in Greenville. The Titans are seeking their first road win and second PAC victory on Saturday. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. and the Titans will be ready to rumble against the PACs defending champion Tomcats. The Titans will be facing a well-prepared team on its own field for the second to last game of the season.

Sports

Women's soccer to play for PAC title

Team faces Thomas More in championship game

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

As the temperature quickly drops into freezing temperatures, the Lady Titan soccer team is doing exactly the opposite. After winning two games this past week, the ladies will move on to the finals in the PAC championship.

The Lady Titans took on Waynesburg this past Saturday at Wilmington's stadium. Although they played in horrible weather and on a turf field, the Lady Titans did not show mercy as they hammered Waynesburg in PAC conference play with a 3-0 shutout With this win, the Lady Titans were able to comprise an overall record of 12-5-1 and a PAC record of 5-1.

At about the time that ladies got into the game a massive hail storm blew threw the small town of Wilmington, but that didn't stop the Lady Titans. "It was probably the worst weather we have ever played in," stated senior captain Brittany McKee, "but playing on the turf certainly gave us good practice for what we will be playing on for the championship."

And the championships were not something to far off as the number two seeded Titans hosted the number three seeded Grove City Wolverines on Wednesday for the semifinal game. Junior Kait Etzel-Hardman came through with the only goal for the Lady Titans to post the win over Grove City and move on to the finals.

During regular season conference play the Lady Titans beat Grove City 4-0 but were only able to put one away this game. "It was not our best game of the season, but the win gave us a second chance against Thomas More," stated junior captain Sarah Calderone.

The Lady Titans are certainly looking forward to that second chance as if it were Christmas. Last year Thomas More took the title away from the Titans who had it for the previous 3 years prior. This year, the ladies plan to leave Thomas More with a lump of coal.

During the season, Thomas More defeated the Titans with a score of 0-2. But now the ladies know how Thomas More plays and are looking toward the game with great determination. "This is what we've worked for all season," stated Calderone. "The last game was played under poor circumstances. This time, nothing is going to get in our way."

The Lady Titans will travel to Cincinnati this weekend with high hopes of bringing home title of PAC Champions. They have worked so hard through out this season and deserve to reclaim the title. Surely the amazing amount of determination that this team has will pay off in due time.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior Kait Etzel-Hardman had the lone goal for the Lady Titans in the win against Grove City.

McDermott SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. (Westminster College News Release) - Westminster College senior volleyball player Katie McDermott has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

McDermott averaged 3.07 kills and 0.80 blocks per game to lead the Titans last week to a 3-1 record, including three wins to clinch the top-seed in the PAC tournament. McDermott had double-figure kills in the three PAC matches, including a team-high 16 at Grove City, 10 at Thiel, and 14 vs. Thomas More. She amassed 12 blocks in the four matches (15 games) and led the team with a .427 hitting percentage with just five errors in 96 total attacks.

Men's soccer team rolling along

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

The men's soccer team finished their regular season with a win over Waynesburg and then opened the PAC Playoffs in the same fashion with a victory over Grove City.

Junior midfielder Andrew Saporito came up strong against Waynesburg by scoring three goals for the Titans. Sophomore defender Justin Rivas also contributed with a goal and an assist. Senior goalkeepers Anthony Beilstein was in goal, making nine saves.

The Titans then jumped into PAC playoffs as the number two seed in the tournament. The men trounced over Grove City 3-0 as teamwork prevailed and three different Titan's scored goals. Freshman midfielder Matt Tomnay scored just 10 minutes before the end of the first half to give the Titan's the lead at halftime. The goal was assisted by junior forward Andrew Saporito.

The second-half goals were booted in by senior forward Blake Ordell and freshman midfielder Brice Lott. Assists came from Saporito and Ordell. Junior goalkeeper Chris Passione gave the Titans the shutout by making 12 saves.

The Titans continue their playoff journey as they travel to Bethany, W.Va. to face the top-seeded Bethany College at 1:00 pm on Saturday. A win for the Titans would give them their first PAC Title since 2002.

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Westminster Student Organizations Collaborate for Book Drive

Westminster College, October 29, 2006 –The Westminster College chapters of Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi are teaming up all this month to collect new and gently used books to benefit the Beatitude House and the Sojourner House in Youngstown, Ohio. The Beatitude House helps disadvantaged women and children, while the Sojourner House is a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Collection boxes for the books will be placed throughout both the Westminster campus and the New Wilmington community. At Westminster, boxes will be in all residence halls, the education department in Old Main, both the McGill and Mack Libraries, and the information desk in the McKelvey Campus Center. Elsewhere in New Wilmington, boxes will be located at Isaly's, Mugsies, Pizza Joe's, Sky Bank, the First National Bank, and the Post Office.

For more information on the book drive, contact **Jennifer Rossey**, Book Drive Coordinator, at rosseyjl@westminster.edu.

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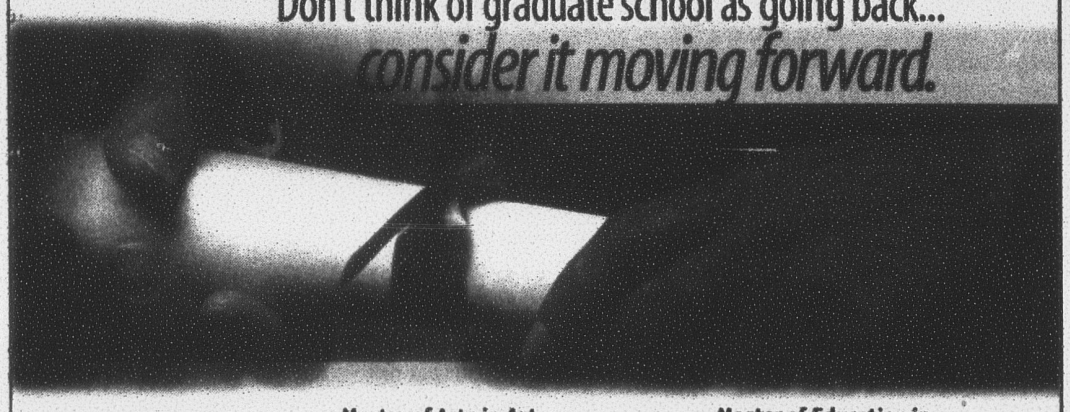

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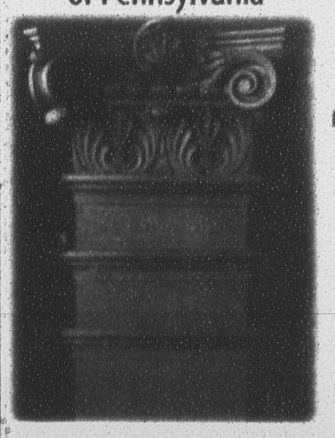

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Campus News

Retreating, all-campus style

By Elizabeth C. Suders
Staff writer

The annual All-Campus Retreat, sponsored by the office of the chaplain and church relations, was held this past weekend, Oct. 27 through Oct. 29.

The theme of the retreat was "Space for Grace," which is also the chapel's theme for this year. The "Space for Grace" theme is based on the Bible passage Galatians 2:20-21. The 25 students and staff that went on the retreat enjoyed a weekend of games, relaxation, reflection, and a hike guided by members of Titan Traverse.

Students formed small groups on the evening of Friday, Oct. 27.

They then had the opportunity to present a list of words in a creative way to the larger group on Saturday night. The students had the option of enjoying their free time at their own liberty. Some chose to do homework while others used the many amenities the camp had to offer.

The students and staff participated in chapel led by Rev. Jim Mohr before returning to campus on Sunday.

The retreat was held at Camp Crestfield, a Presbyterian camp in Slippery Rock. Crestfield features an indoor rock climbing wall as well as a spectacular hiking trail. The chapel sponsors many other events in addition to the retreat throughout the year.

"We sponsor the Jubilee Conference which is held in February as well as we are sending a work team to Mexico in January," said Rev. Jim Mohr, college chaplain.

"It was a wonderful experience, bringing me closer to people I didn't know very well and even closer to people I already did," freshman Lurene McDonald said. "I can't wait until next year."

Student testimonials to be displayed on website, used in promotional material

By Bridget Roth
Campus writer

An all-campus e-mail was sent out informing students and faculty about the need for testimonials, which will be used to improve perceptions of the school. Although the testimonials will be placed in multiple publications, the campus website will be the primary location for their display.

Senior Director of Advancement Administration Mark Meighen explained that he hopes to use the testimonials to further enhance the interest of prospective students, as well as parents, alumni, and trustees.

According to Meighen, the testimonials will rotate on the masthead of the website and will be configured to match up to the interest and/or geography of the prospective students.

"For example, let's say we learn a prospective student from Erie is interested in majoring in English," Meighen said. "We should be able to provide testimonials from current English majors, testimonials from alumni with degrees in English and testimonials from alumni in Erie."

Meighen hopes this interactive feature will increase the engagement between the school and prospective students, parents and alumni, making the college search more memorable from start to finish.

"The more you can personalize the message, the more effective it is," assistant professor of English and public relations Suzanne Prestien said. "This could really increase the relevance of the message Westminster sends to prospective students."

The idea of using testimonials is not a new one, as they are commonly published in secondary education school materials. In fact, testimonials are currently used by admissions and development publications on campus. This recent effort seeks to augment the materials that already exist, such as pamphlets and brochures.

The question posed by Meighen, "Why Westminster?" was purposefully vague to allow respondents the opportunity to share thoughts that are most important and influential to them. Posing the question in such a fashion will provide a wide range of answers, which can then be placed in the appropriate publications.

According to Meighen, this is not necessarily a way to advertise the school; rather, it is an enhancement to what the school already provides.

"I think that if prospective students already have interest in coming here, the testimonials might be a make-or-break point in the decision process," sophomore Megan Harding said. "The online personalization would benefit them because it would provide numerous viewpoints about their possible major."

Eight years after proposing this idea, Meighen has been granted the opportunity to enhance the capabilities of the website, which can enrich the perception of the school. His goal is to share stories of how this institution has influenced all those who have attended, while possibly convincing others to give this little campus a try.

Campus Connect to replace WEB-Student

By Roxanne Ierino
Campus writer

WEB-Student is in the process of being replaced by Campus Connect; the replacement should be complete by the end of the semester.

For the past three years, the company that provides WEB-Student never offered support to the college. June Pierce, who works at the registrar's office, has worked very closely with WEB-Student.

"We've been holding our breath to get through the past three years," Pierce said.

Campus Connect allows students to access academic and student account information. The major advantage of Campus Connect is the live update feature. Now, if a student makes schedule changes, the changes will be displayed immediately.

WEB-Student was updated daily; information was based on the previous day. This caused a major problem during registration because students could not see the current enrollment status. With Campus Connect, as soon as someone enrolls in a class, it will be shown. The registrar's office hopes to have laptops available during registration allowing students to check class availability.

Jenzabar, a software company that specializes in small colleges, designed Campus Connect. The company provides continuous support to the college. If an issue occurs, the company may be called for assistance. Jenzabar also provides the school's administrative software.

Tom McMahon, coordinator for administrative systems, acts as an intermediary between the vendor and its users. He has been working very closely with the program and is confident about it.

"It's new software, and we have to start at square one, but I'm a lot more comfortable," McMahon said.

Campus Connect is very security conscious. When WEB-Studentt came out, security was not an issue because people did not know how to access the information. Now, it is important to make sure data and other personal information is highly protected.

"We don't want people finding out stuff they shouldn't know," McMahon said.

Since faculty is now entering grades through Campus Connect, midterm grades were a great learning experience for faculty and students. First-year students were able to utilize Campus Connect while accessing midterm grades, and faculty had the chance to become more familiar with the program.

Pierce is excited about Campus Connect, but is especially excited for students.

"I'm excited for the students because of the benefits of having immediate access," Pierce said.

McMahon explained that the program would continue to evolve. In the future, they plan to make it look better and become more helpful. Right now, he wants to make sure everything is working for everyone and mainly iron things out.

By the end of the semester, Campus Connect will completely replace WEB-Student. All student information will then be immediately accessible and highly secure.

Bottles up

Students take advantage of free refill offer

Photo by Amanda Miller

Students purchased blue Nalgene bottles from the TUB and can refill them for free.

By Travis Levers
Campus writer

Blue bottles have been popping up on college campuses nationwide, and with help from Pepsi, Westminster has joined in the craze.

According to Candie Domain, a TUB supervisor, the Nalgene bottles were a promotion from Pepsi. Pepsi selected colleges, and each was given a select number of bottles. The response from campus was great, and the TUB sold 210 bottles in less then two weeks. Domain said that the TUB was given extra bottles from other colleges because of the demand.

"I believe that this is a great idea," Domain said. "It saves both the students and the college money."

Cost appears to be a major reason that the bottles sold so quickly. Currently the TUB charges 28 cents for a glass of water to cover the cost of the cup, but with a Nalgene bottle refilling water or ice is free. The cost of a 32 oz. soft drink is just 55 cents, saving nearly a dollar on every refill. The Nalgene bottle, with its "Refresh U" label, costs $7.99 on dine dollars; however, the money a student can save with refills can easily cover the cost.

Junior Ben Jones said that he loves his new bottle, because it saves him a lot of money, and it makes it convenient for travel.

"I drink a lot of water, so the bottle has paid itself off," Jones said. "I can take it with me to class and not have to worry about it spilling everywhere."

Domain said that the refill cost will remain at their reduced price through at least the end of the year and most likely beyond. The TUB also saves money because of the reduced spending on paper products. Reduced paper usage will help keep costs in the TUB down, will help the environment, and will keep the purchases of soft drink bottles down. The TUB pays full retail price for Pepsi cases, and the cost of fountain drinks are much less then that of the bottles.

Jeff Czerniejewski, a junior, is a major fan of the Nalgene bottle over plastic bottles. He says he often drinks Gatorade from the TUB, and he prefers to fill his new Nalgene over purchasing a bottle.

"I would rather spend 55 cents for 32 oz. than spend $1.50 for 20 oz.," Czerniejewski said.

The blue bottle craze has taken the campus by storm, but if you are not already sporting this new fad, you have missed out. The bottles have all been sold out, and Domain said she is unsure if the bottles will be re-supplied any time soon or at all.

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Arts & Entertainment

The Prestige: Jackman and Bale shine in illusionist flick

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

One of my friends told me last week that *The Prestige* is like one big magic trick; it completely fools the audience, but has the simplest explanation. I agree with this ascertation; and no matter how hard I tried to figure out the film's secret, I ended up duped anyway. My advice is to watch the film and accept that it will never let you have the upper hand.

Director Christopher Nolan of Batman Begins acclaim takes some of his former Batman Begins cast (Christian Bale, Michael Caine) and tells the story of two magicians who are first friends, but quickly turn to bitter rivals. Christian Bale is Alfred Borgen, and Hugh Jackman is Robert Angier, two of the greatest magicians in turn-of-the-century London.

Michael Caine is Cutter, the engineering mastermind behind the technical aspects of the magic tricks. In the beginning, Alfred and Robert are partners in a magic act along with Robert's wife, Julia. However, after Julia's freak death on stage, Alfred and Robert end their partnership, with Robert suspecting that Alfred played a hand in his wife's death.

Cutter stays with Robert, and eventually they hire a beautiful young assistant, Olivia (Scarlett Johannson) and restart their magic act. However, Alfred proves to be a difficult adversary with his advanced magic one step ahead of Robert's ordinary and conventional tricks. Robert's curiosity of the explanation behind Alfred's tricks soon turns to an obsession to destroy Alfred's career and family.

One act of violence soon turns into a battle to get even and to become the greatest magician by taking the tricks to new dangerous levels. After a while the battle is not even about the magic anymore, it's the obsession with power that consumes and destroys both men.

Christopher Nolan has a unique grasp on cinematography with being able to create intense feelings through the way he sets up his shots. Like with Batman Begins, he creates a cold and dark environment that twists perspective with each new frame. Through his skill, his scenes turn into extensions of the characters rather than just backdrops. As the characters develop into deeper and darker people, the cinematography further enhances that effect, which is why this is such an exceptional film coupled with the acting.

The Prestige takes the concept of magic from an innocent display of pulling a rabbit out of a hat and turns it into a revealing of the dark side behind the pretty display. The audience only sees the illusion, and is ignorant to the danger and ugliness that occurs behind the scenes, or behind the handkerchief. It reminded me of the concept of "blood diamonds," since sometimes behind something beautiful and hypnotic is a dark secret.

Rating: A

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Source: Google Images

Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman star in *The Prestige*.

Last.fm ignites its social music revolution with host of new features

LONDON, Oct. 31 /PRNewswire/ -- Last.fm, the online social music networking site, today announced it is bringing its music revolution into the real world by offering its users new features that suggest concerts, free mp3s and even match users' compatibilities -- all based on Last.fm's intelligent music recommendation engine. Additionally, music lovers will now find it easier to listen to music online through a new Flash player radio, which operates without registration or special software.

Last.fm is the leading global online community of music fans who share musical discoveries and interests with like-minded individuals regardless of language or geography. Fifteen million unique active users tell Last.fm 350 million times a month what they're listening to. With a database that boasts 65 million individual tracks from seven million different artists and over 150,000 artist biography wikis, Last.fm has the world's largest, most diverse, and most informed social music community.

The new features include:

Events system. Takin' it to the Streets. Want to see a show but don't know who's playing, how to get tickets or if you'll even like the music? Last.fm makes it easy by suggesting concerts based on where you live and what you and your friends listen to. Whether you like mainstream pop, hip-hop beats or indie rock, getting tickets will be as easy as following a link thanks to Last.fm's global partnerships with ticket resellers. Moreover, since updates are posted live to your user page, you'll always be the first to know what's going on in your local music scene.

Free MP3s. Free music now! Last.fm can recommend free MP3s to download based on your musical taste. Suggested downloads are chosen from a large selection of hundreds of thousands of free MP3s ranging from independent and emerging artists to mainstream pop names. A single click and you'll be listening to the latest free music in iTunes or any mp3 player.

Flash player radio. The new Flash player radio makes it simpler than ever to listen to music that you like on the Last.fm website. Simply select your artist and listen. Predictive software pays attention to what you like and dislike and plays new songs based on your selections. You can even recommend tracks to friends and add tags. Don't like a song? Last.fm lets you skip ahead to the next track and if you really hate something, you can banish it forever with just a click.

Taste-o-meter. Find your musical soulmate. Ever wonder if your new girlfriend or boyfriend has conflicting musical taste? Looking for new concert or jam session buddies? Use Last.fm's taste-o-meter to find out how compatible you are. By paying attention to what you like and by comparing your tastes to that of others within the Last.fm global community, Last.fm is able to assign a musical compatibility score. Pair this up with a user search for local people and you've got a very powerful tool for finding new buddies in your local music scene.

Built as an open source platform, Last.fm is designed for support on all media players including iTunes, Windows Media Player, Winamp, xBox, TiVo, mobile phones, Slim devices, Launchcast, Yahoo Music Engine and even Pandora. Listeners can link their media players to Last.fm to share songs, statistics and playlists with the Last.fm community. Last.fm's scrobbling function pays attention to what users are listening to -- not just what is listed in their library -- and suggests artists, people, and concerts based on their musical preferences. You can even post charts and listening habits to your blog or MySpace and have Last.fm update them automatically. Select a chart from a variety of user-submitted styles or customize your own.

"We're creating a social music revolution," said Last.fm cofounder Martin Stiksel. "For the past two years Last.fm has connected music fans around the globe. Whether you listen to Bach, Britney, or Big Black, this is about a community that wants to share its music no matter what player or platform they are using. The sheer amount of data we've collected makes our service one of the most comprehensive social music communities."

Collaborating with record labels and artists who upload music to the Last.fm community, Last.fm makes money by selling music through affiliates, advertising on the site, and by offering user subscriptions for premium features.

Columbia Records to release updated Neil Diamond collection

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Columbia Records will release a deluxe 2-CD digi-pak edition of Neil Diamond's critically-acclaimed "12 Songs" on Tuesday, December 12.

Disc One of the newly-expanded edition of "12 Songs" includes the original version of Neil's heralded album in its entirety plus two bonus tracks -- "Men Are So Easy" and "Delirious Love" (with Brian Wilson) -- originally available only in a limited first edition of the album released in November 2005.

The deluxe edition of "12 Songs" includes an exclusive limited edition second disc, "Artist's Cut - 12 Sketches," which offers Diamond fans, for the first time, a rare look into Neil's creative process through never-before-heard demos, as well as early and alternate takes of all of "12 Songs." As an added bonus, Disc Two of "12 Songs" premieres an alternate mix of "Men Are So Easy."

"Since the mid-1960s, Neil Diamond has been making some of the purest, most honest, and most heartfelt music in the world," said Steve Barnett, Chairman, Columbia Records. "The fact that his most recent album, '12 Songs,' is also one of his most celebrated and most successful is proof that the music, and the genius, of Neil Diamond is forever. This new edition of '12 Songs' will give fans a chance to rediscover the magic of a modern classic album while enjoying a wealth of demos and other rare material associated with this masterpiece."

Originally released on November 8, 2005, "12 Songs" entered the Billboard 200 best-selling album chart at #4, making it Neil's first-ever album to debut in the Top 10 and first album to chart in the Top 10 in more than a decade. Upon its release, "12 Songs" achieved best first week's sales of the artist's career.

"12 Songs" paired the pop music icon with legendary producer Rick Rubin, for whom producing a Neil Diamond album had been a long-time goal. Rubin's extraordinary resume spans the history of hip-hop from LL Cool J to Jay Z, the world of hardcore rock from Slayer to System Of A Down, and the pantheon of mythic stars from Tom Petty and Donovan to Mick Jagger and Johnny Cash's immortal Grammy-winning American Recordings series.

A core group of musicians made up of Mike Campbell (guitar) and Benmont Tench (piano/organ) (both from Tom Petty's Heartbreakers) and guitarist Smokey Hormel (Beck, Tom Waits) and others including the renowned Larry Knechtel (piano) and the late Billy Preston (organ) performed on "12 Songs."

"12 Songs" is the 14th Neil Diamond album to reach the Top 10, the 20th to hit Top 20, the 31st to make Top 50 and the 45th to break into the Billboard Top 200, placing the artist at #6 on the all-time list of male vocalists with the most Top 200 albums (after Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, James Brown, and Willie Nelson).

The original version of "12 Songs" will be streamed on Neil's website, www.neildiamond.com.beginning Wednesday, November 1.

Music reviewer Liz Suders returns next week with a review of Christina Aguilera's new album "Back to Basics"

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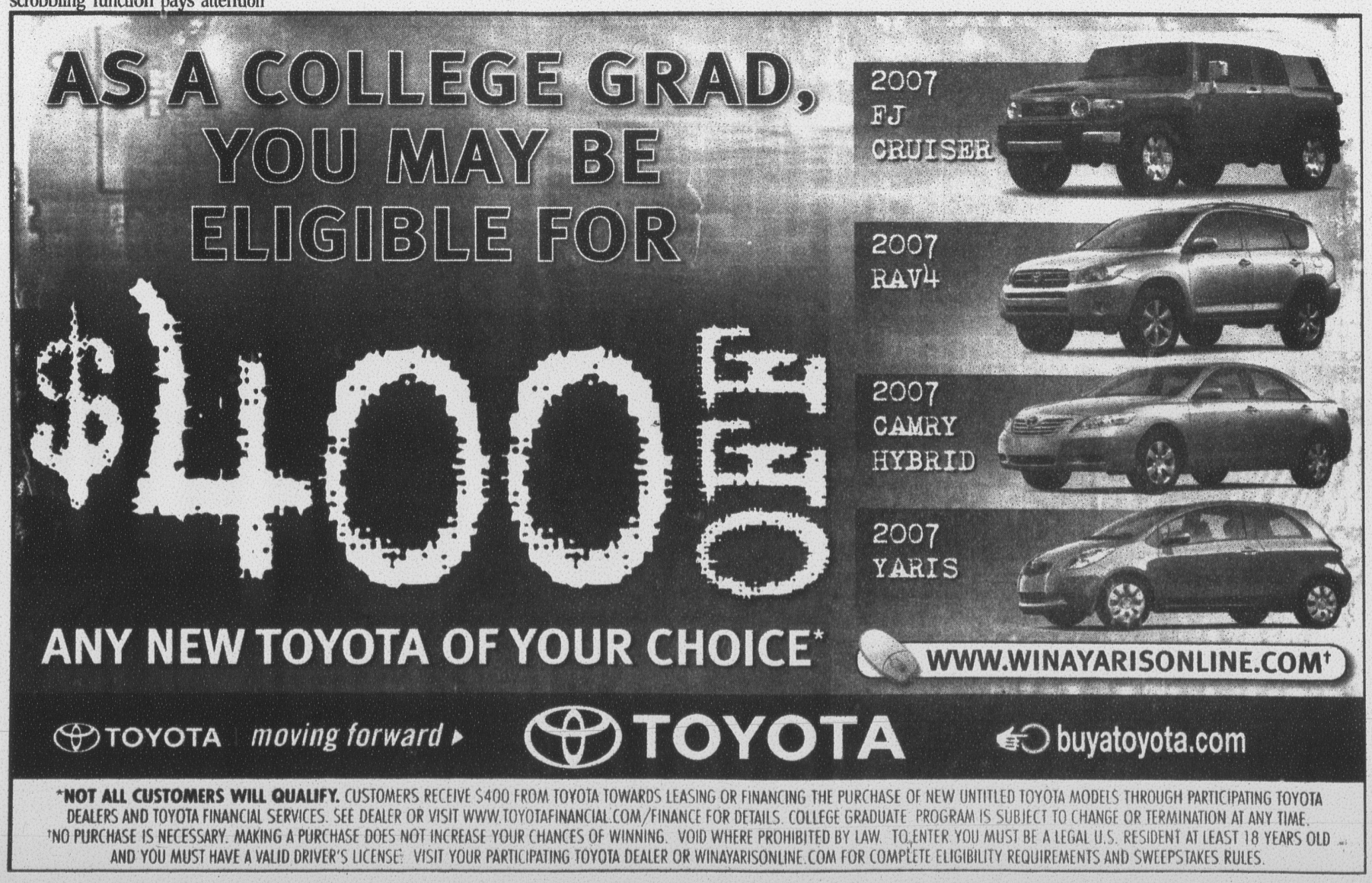

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Calendar

November 3, 2006

Drop One Class Only ($15 Fee) for First-Year Students

Last Day to Withdraw, if Approved, for Upperclass and Transfer Students ($15 Fee)

PMTA Conference -- Orr Auditorium

PAC Volleyball Playoffs

Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association Music Conference

Periodic Server Maintenance

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting – MCC 255

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Guest Organist Recital: David Higgs – Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Idlewild – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Accepted

November 4, 2006

Newman Club Fall Retreat

Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association Music Conference

PAC Volleyball Playoffs

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM College Bowl – MCC Club/Lounge

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meetings -- MCC 255

1:00 PM Football at Thiel

7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

November 5, 2006

3:00 PM Senior Flute Recital: Heidi Abel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

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3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Idlewild

6:00 PM Guest Lecturer on Lighting Techniques for Digigal Photography: Sean Catterson--Thompson-Clark 205

7:00 PM Vespers (All Saints Remembrance and Communion) -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311/312

November 6, 2006

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meetings – MCC 255

11:40 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:00 PM The Holcad Staff Meeting – MCC 255

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

5:00 PM CPC Meeting – MCC Club

5:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting – Old Main 213

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

November 7, 2006

ELECTION DAY

12:45 PM SIFE Meeting – Patterson 114

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

3:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting – MCC 352

5:30 PM Praise Team -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting – MCC 255

8:00 PM Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:30 PM ALLIES Meeting – Thompson-Clark 315

9:30 PM Jubilee Conference Informational Meeting – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting – Thompson-Clark 314

November 8, 2006

Pennsylvania District V Honors Chorus Rehearsals – Orr Auditorium

Theatre Westminster: Guys and Dolls – Beeghly Theater

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION – MCC Witherspoon Maple

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting – Patterson 112

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:30 PM SIG Meeting -- Patterson 113

8:00 PM Black Student Union Meeting – MCC 255

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship -- MCC Club/Lounge

November 9, 2006

Pennsylvania District V Honors Chorus Rehearsals -- Orr Auditorium

Theatre Westminster: Guys and Dolls -- Beeghly Theater

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting – MCC 255

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting – MCC 352

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting – Patterson 231

5:30 PM International Cultures Club – Thompson-Clark 314

7:00 PM Gospel Choir -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

8:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

Sudoku!

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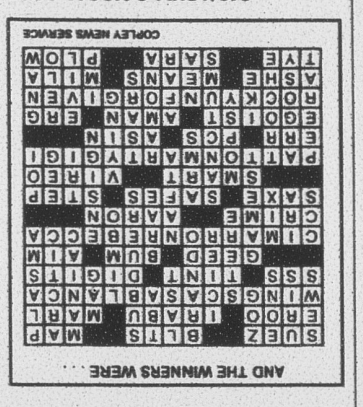

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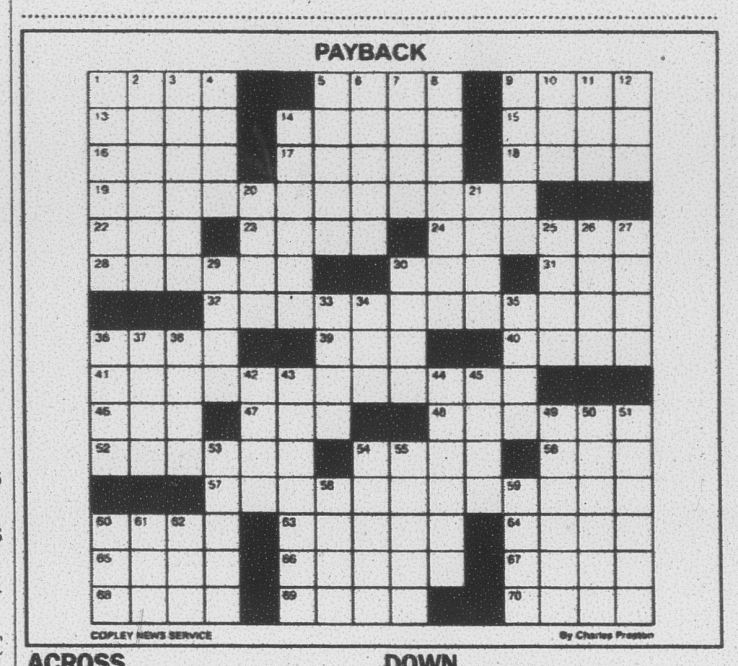

ACROSS

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9 Fiddler
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14 Italy's Andrea ___
15 Slide follower?
16 Made thread
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18 Give off
19 Start of George Jean Nathan quote
22 Eagle on a par three
23 Hamburg units
24 On
28 Supreme Court Justice John Marshall
30 Again, in music
31 Card game
32 More of quote
36 OK corral dueler
39 Perfect score, for some
40 What's left over
41 More of quote
46 Enero begins it
47 Literary collection
48 Pay the debt
52 Loathe
54 Pols' providers
56 Spill the beans
57 End of quote
60 Fairy tale opener
63 Lowest point
64 He mimics
65 Start of a letter to John
66 George, who was Mary
67 At that time
68 New entrants into society
69 College bigwig
70 "Auld Lang ___"

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1 North African palace
2 Llama cousin
3 More gaudy
4 Late night show host
5 Venom, e.g.
6 Ambler and Fromm
7 Acapulco affirmatives
8 Fiendish
9 Summit
10 Grog ingredient
11 The greatest
12 Become a player
14 Categorize
20 Dread
21 Asea?
25 Ye ___ taverne
26 Watch pockets
27 A. J., of racing
29 "Hill Street Blues" force: abbr.
30 Automobile pioneer
33 Kett, of the comics
34 Island greeting
35 Formerly, formerly
36 Mild expletive
37 First-rate
38 The start of something big?
42 Johnny or Rosanne
43 Recited without pitch variance
44 Usher
45 Brooding place
49 Victory symbol
50 Type of sail
51 Always, in a poem
53 Still picture subjects
54 Speakers' platforms
55 Charged particle
58 Roy's partner
59 Large tubs
60 Peculiar
61 Born as
62 Hack

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): There is a strong yearning for personal growth, expansion or education. Take your time and avoid spreading your energy in too many directions.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This would be a great time to investigate possible fiscal mishaps or opportunities. Do your homework and stay on top of your financial transactions.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You are subject to erratic or unpredictable mood swings or behavior. Counteract these fickle forces by making deliberate choices.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Your lessons and challenges are plentiful and various this week. Expect the greatest amount of ups and downs in your financial, work or service sectors.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): This appears to be a highly outgoing, enjoyable or social period in your life. Plan to spend some special time with the people whom you admire and respect the most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Your interests are focused around domestic concerns. Do not be surprised by a sudden change in your residential status or unplanned home improvements.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Embrace an opportunity to expand your awareness. Keep an open mind and be willing to listen to the ideas or suggestions made by a colleague.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Take deliberate steps to increase your income and to minimize your debt. Adopt a budget or financial plan with these specific goals in mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Do not allow doubt to circumvent your success. Step up to the plate and put forth maximum effort toward personal fulfillment and happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your imagination is very vivid or lively this week. Enhance your understanding with meditation and garner a high degree of inspiration and motivation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Be thankful for many of the special people that you have in your life. Find unusual or unique ways to show appreciation or affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Gather your courage, harness your energy and move forward with career or professional plans. Turn to a mentor, boss or superior for helpful tips or support.

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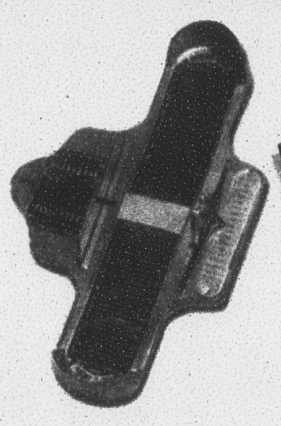

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10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00 PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room
November 6th Oakland at Seattle

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

COMING SOON...

Nov. 10 Titan's Tavern-JD Eicher & 1959
Nov. 11 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 11 Lee Camp-Comic
Dec. 2 Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 8 Titan's Tavern-Valley Below, JD Eicher & Nikki Douglas

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Entertainment provided by CPC
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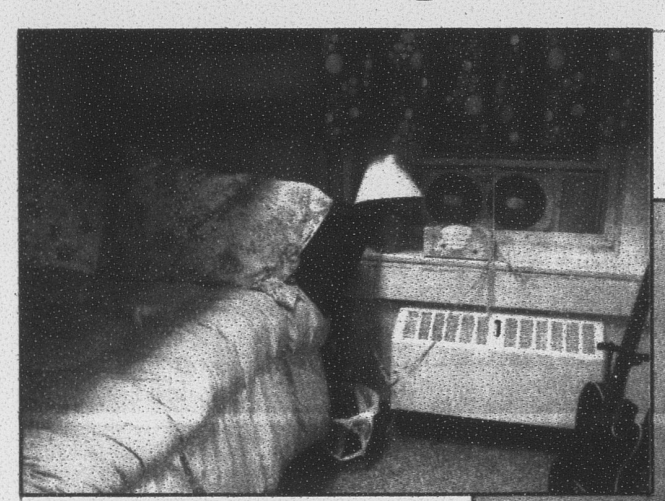
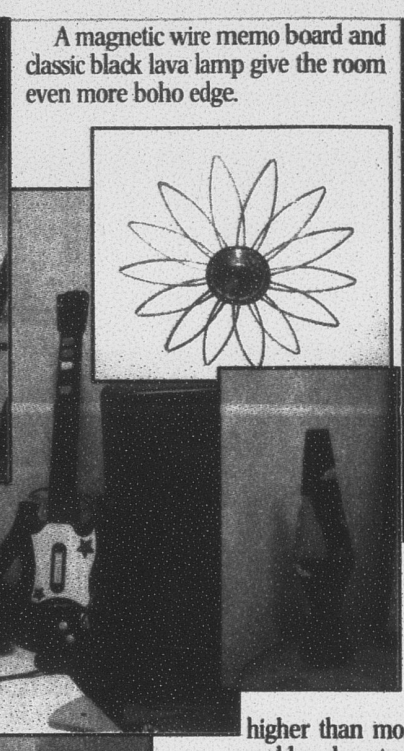
Features

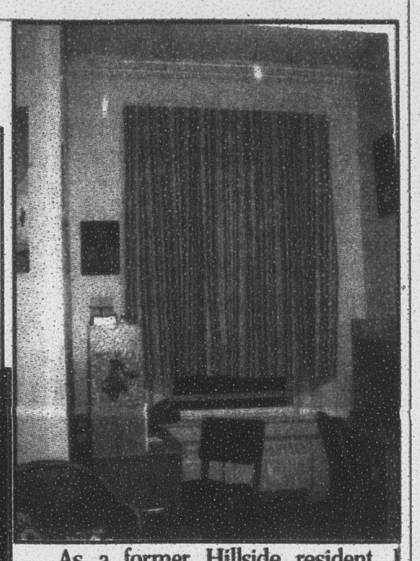
WC Cribs

This week, Features Editor Jenn Corkadel takes us to April Redmond's hip Hillside single





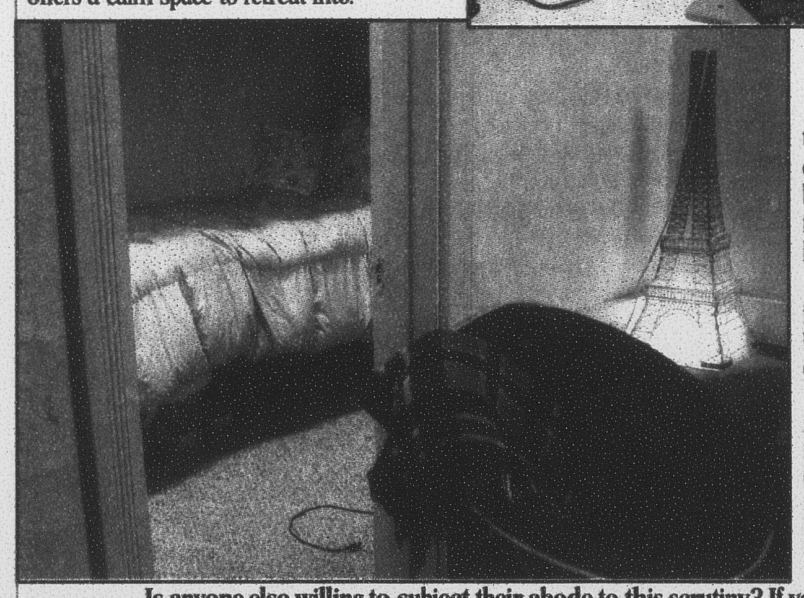
A magnetic wire memo board and classic black lava lamp give the room even more boho edge.



Another sweet compensation for Hillside's hike: many rooms actually have multiple rooms inside.

Here, April's designated one room for relaxation and occasional sleeping, with a more open one for work and living. The bedroom has a more subdued curtain and offers a calm space to retreat into.

As a former Hillside resident, I thought I'd clue freshmen in as to why women willingly hike up "The Hill" daily: the rooms are huge. April's furniture is the same kind everyone else has -- but the windows rise several feet higher than most. Here, she's added a colorful curtain and band posters to brighten up the living space.



Guitar Hero, one of the better video games currently available -- be on the lookout for its predecessor this holiday season.

A fellow fan of paper lanterns, she found this Eiffel tower replica on eBay.

Here, her roommate's empty closet (Alissa Bookwalter, in Oxford this semester), is nearly the size of a Jeffers single.

Is anyone else willing to subject their abode to this scrutiny? If you'd like your residence to be featured, let us know! Contact information for *The Holcad* is in the staff box on the Opinion page.

Before Babe Ruth was Rube Waddell

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"What he hath won, that hath he fortified. So hot a speed with such advice disposed, such temperate order in so fierce a cause, doth want example: who hath read or heard of any kindred action like to this?" (King John 3.4.10-4)

Following the October madness that has gripped America on televisions and newspapers, our local community can recognize one of baseball's best–and certainly most eccentric–players, who performed his talents a stone's throw away from Westminster College at a nearby institution that no longer remains, Volant College.

George Edward "Rube" Waddell attended Volant College before entering the major leagues in 1897 with the Louisville Colonels. Rube's eccentricities drove him to relocate many times through out his career; he played with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1900-1901), Chicago Cubs (1901), Philadelphia A's (1902-1907), and the St. Louis Browns (1908-1910).

In a September 2003 article, the Youngstown Vindicator explained Rube's significance as a player: "Rube Waddell was baseball's biggest drawing card before Babe Ruth, a screwball with an unhittable fastball whose popularity legitimized the American League and led to the first World Series 100 years ago [in 1905 as a Philadelphia Athletic against the New York Giants]."

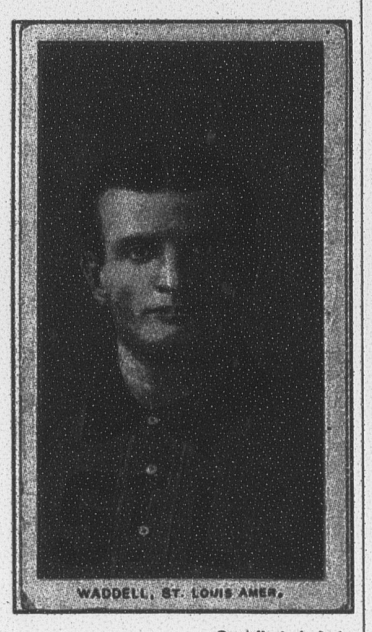
Waddell, unfortunately, could not help his team win the series, as they did, because a few days prior to the Series Waddell injured his left shoulder–his pitching shoulder–by falling on it when teasing a teammate on a train station platform.

A strange man, Waddell would leave his team to battle fires, pitch with a red firefighter's uniform under his club uniform, wrestle alligators in his off-season, and order his teammates off the field and then strikeout the opposing side. Because Waddell built a reputation for missing ballgames for fishing, managers would hire investigators to ensure Waddell's game attendance. During games, Waddell would often play marbles with schoolchildren outside the ballpark.

Managers may not have displayed such leniency concerning Waddell's antics had he not proven himself as one of the game's best players. Waddell became the first pitcher in history to strike out three batters in nine pitches when he did so in the third inning against the Baltimore Orioles on July 1, 1902 to produce a 2-0 win.

For six successive years, Waddell led the major leagues in seasonal strikeouts. In 1903, Waddell pitched 302 seasonal strikeouts–surpassing the runner-up by 115 strikeouts. The following year Waddell set a modern-era record when he pitched 349 seasonal strikeouts–a record which endured more than 60 years.

Waddell's death in 1914 at age 37 appears as epic as the life that he led; while positioning sandbags to combat a 1912 Mississippi flood, Waddell contracted tuberculosis when exposed to frigid waters.



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Rube Waddell prior to his early death.

From Oxford...

Blenheim Palace 10K

By Jessica Hickman
Contributing writer

There are loads of opportunities here in Oxford to get involved and see some fabulous places. On our second weekend here Matt Steffy and I signed up to run a 10K race at Blenheim Palace. I had never run that far in my life, but it was for a good cause so we decided to do it; our eight pounds went to the British Heart Foundation.

Sunday morning came and I was not in the mood to go and run six miles. A group of us had just returned from London the night before, where we had a fun couple of nights (as well as a tour of Christopher Wren Churches).

We went to the race and it was well worth it. We arrived at a beautiful palace with gardens, lakes, and huge old trees. There were hundreds of people there to run, shattering my dreams of winning the race. Actually, I was just hoping that I would be able to finish it.

Blenheim Palace is an absolutely huge house with loads of history. Building began during the early 1700s and took almost twenty years to finish.

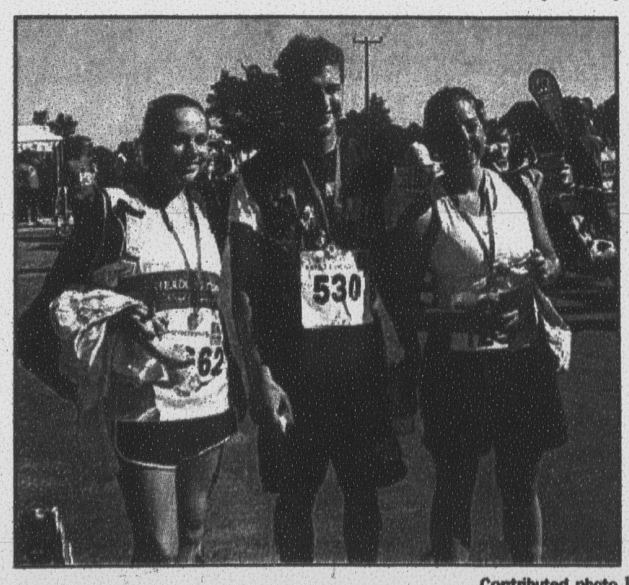
The architecture is in the Baroque style, a topic we are studying in our math and history classes, so it was interesting to see how impressive the building is. The palace is home to the Duke of Marlborough and was the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill in 1874.

I was thinking of all this as we started our race, and wondering why in the world I was actually running. Matt flew off with people in the front of the crowd and I just paced myself as 12-year-old kids ran past me. We ran all around the Palace grounds.

It was a beautiful sunny day in mid September (for those who think it only rains in England, you are wrong), and I ran through the woods watching all the sheep in the fields. I tried to converse with some people as we were running, but some peoples' accents are just too difficult to understand, especially while running.

There were signs after every kilometer, and surprisingly I got through all ten of them without any problem. I actually finished the race in 54 minutes! I even got a medal when I finished. (Okay everyone did, but I still felt pretty special). Steffy finished in 44 minutes and was right up there with the front of the group.

The next day in class I was proper sore, but I was glad I ran and got to see Blenheim Palace. It is just one of the many incredible buildings and places that I have seen so far, and it's only October. I have not signed up for any more races, but there are plenty of other activities here to keep me busy.



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From left, Hickman, Steffy, and Coordinator for Center for Academic Programs at Oxford, Joanna, after the race.

Is it just me?

Can we try to care about others?

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Last week I took a chance and wrote an article about acceptance and looking past stereotypes. The response that I got from that article went beyond anything that I could have ever imagined. There were students, faculty and staff who immediately embraced the idea of trying to look beyond the exterior into the hearts of people. Some of the responses literally brought tears of joy to my eyes, and it made me remember how proud I am, not only to be a student on this great campus, but also a link in our newly formed chain of love.

I went to my room Monday night, happy with all of the things that I'd been hearing and turned on the television. (Here's a word of advice that I'd like to lend to everyone: If you're ever feeling good about life, do yourself a favor and don't turn on the T.V.)

Watching television for that hour or two completely drained me of my happiness. I mean I watched more garbage upon garbage, and it seemed that in every commercial there were politicians literally bashing each other verbally.

"Where is the love!?" I asked myself. Now I don't want anyone to think that I live in Pleasantville, USA and feel like everyone is supposed to love one another, get along and live peacefully in harmony singing the lyrics to Kum Ba Ya, while holding hands, but things can most definitely be better than they are.

The world has become a not so loving place. In my opinion we have technology to blame. People would rather text than talk, e-mail than call and I've even heard stories of how some roommates IM each other while sitting less that 5 feet away. The more I look at the problem I realize that it's not just a race thing; it's a people thing.

I started to worry because I know that it is human nature to read something, like the article last week, enjoy it, apply it for a moment and then go back to the way things used to be.

A prime example is 9/11. When the terrorists attacked this nation, it seemed that all people regardless of race, creed, or color stood as one. But as soon as the coverage stopped, it seemed that our unity followed suit. I don't want to see us just enjoy a good Holcad story; I really believe that we have the potential to make a real difference in the future of the world. We can't afford to stop the momentum now.

As I lay in my bed that night, I tried to think of what I could do in order to make things better. I've realized that I can't expect anyone to do something that I'm not willing to do myself.

Just then I remembered watching Oprah earlier that day. There was a man on who felt the same way that I feel about the levels of love in the world, and he decided to give away free hugs.

What a concept! Here's a man who is taking time out of his day in order to perform a gesture that many have forgotten about; a gesture of grace that cost nothing, but could mean everything.

So I too want to join in and I vow that for the next two weeks, I will be giving free hugs to anyone who wants one. I challenge anyone at Westminster College to join me, especially those students who were on the third floor of Galbreath Oct. 23.

In two weeks I would like to see at least 50 people who were bitten with the free hug bug. The challenge is to make it known that you are giving free hugs. (Free hug sign, name tag, ect. Get creative!) Those who jump aboard will receive a link in our Westminster chain of love, let see how long we can make it.

If a hug is all that it will take to show someone that they are more than just another student, and worth more than the $30,000 tuition, and more than any stereotype placed on them, than I think that it's more than a start to making our chain last a lifetime.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

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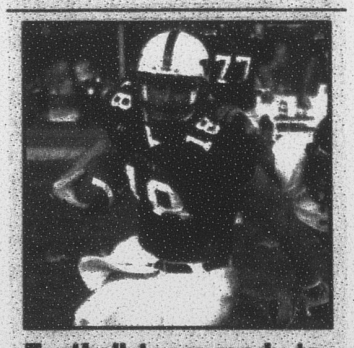

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Number of classes available in registration system

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Saturday
Breezy and cooler with rain, 50/33

Sunday
Mostly sunny, 53/27

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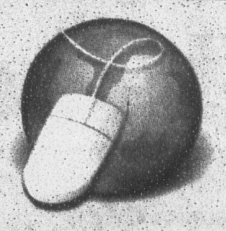

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Alumnus resigns from Monster.com

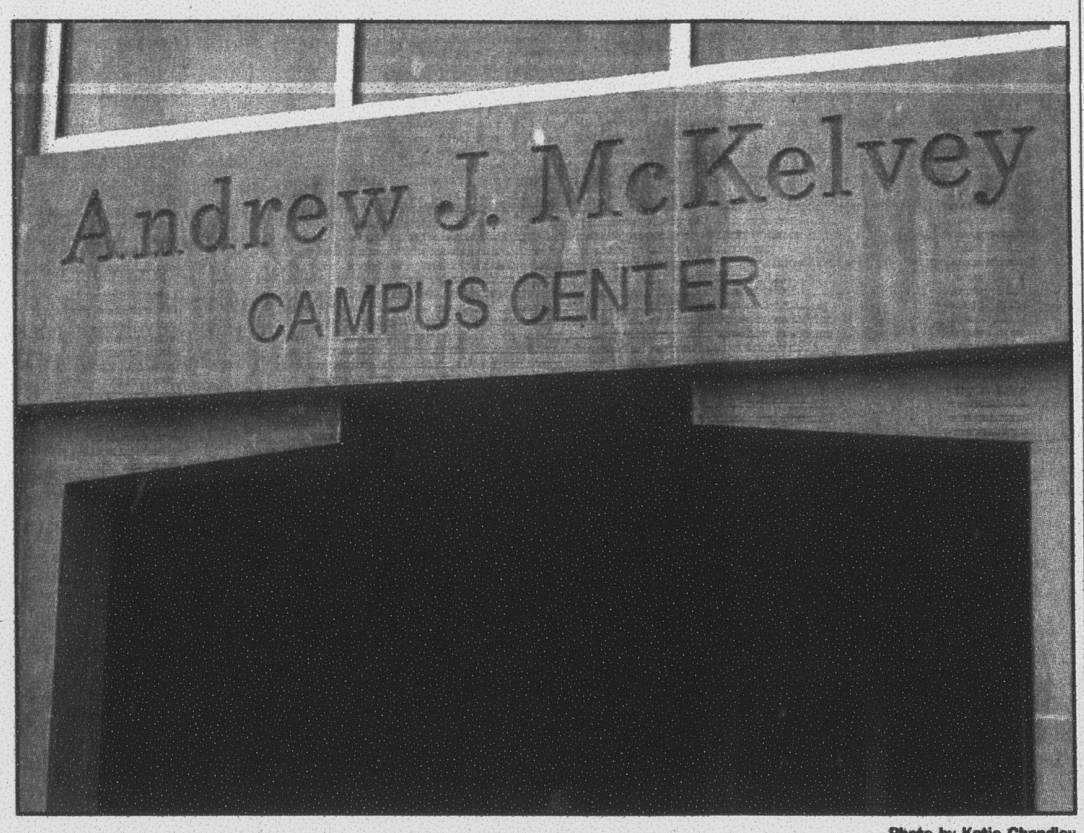


Photo by Katie Chandley

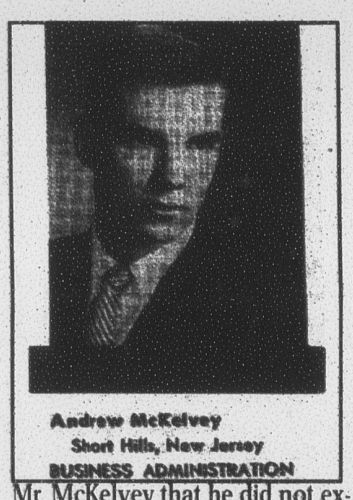
The McKelvey Campus Center, which was built in 2003, was named for 1957 alum and donor Andrew McKelvey.

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Westminster alumnus Andrew McKelvey resigned from the board of directors of Monster Worldwide Inc. after refusing to answer questions regarding the company's internal stock options investigation. McKelvey, the namesake of our beloved campus center, also removed himself as Monster's chairman emeritus, a position he assumed after stepping down as CEO earlier this month amid the options review.

McKelvey's lawyers claim that the 71-year-old executive was unprepared to talk to officials concerning the investigation last July. He was suffering from illness and was exhausted from jet-lag. During the investigation, McKelvey was asked if he had knowledge of company employees improperly backdating stock options and whether he knew such actions were improper when they occurred.

His attorney, Steven Reich, stated in a letter to Monster's law firm that "In looking back on that session, it is now clear to Mr. McKelvey that he did not express his thoughts and recollections as clearly or accurately as he would have liked."



Andrew McKelvey
Short Hills, New Jersey
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

More than 140 companies have become targets of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) probes into possible manipulation of stock option dates. Monster is just one company under investigation by the SEC into improperly granted stock options. The company announced in July that it may possibly restate its financial results from 2005 and earlier to record additional stock grant charges.

Mary Ann Jorgenson, an attorney who specializes in boardroom matters, commented on McKelvey's resignation. "In this case, when you have a board member who is going to refuse to talk, his only responsible choice really is to resign," said Jorgenson, a partner at law firm Squire Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland. "I understand that he has legal issues, but the world, the market, would certainly consider it a negative situation for him to remain as a director," she added.

McKelvey graduated from Westminster in 1957 and has always had a passion for entrepreneurship. According to the McKelvey Foundation website, during college, "he reopened the local movie theater, charging 50 cents a ticket." He then in turn persuaded an art history professor to require students to attend a series of fine art films shown only as his theater. McKelvey also convinced the dean of women "to move the curfew back an hour one night a week, to ensure more viewers."

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Exams providing lower-level college credit

By Jenn Corkadel
Managing editor

The College Level Examination Program administered by College Board offers students of all backgrounds the ability to earn lower-level credit.

Students are able to take examinations in different subjects without prior coursework at any time in their educational career.

"The basic kinds of credit are going to be liberal arts," Registrar June Pierce said. "It wouldn't be anything that would apply to a student's major, typically first-year courses."

The 35 CLEP exams cost $65 each and are typically administered at universities or community colleges. Thiel, Pitt, Gannon and Duquesne are all CLEP testing sites.

College Board also administers the 37 Advanced Placement exams costing $83 each. Credit for passing scores of exams, typically three or higher on a five-point scale, is determined by the institution the student chooses to attend and only is available to high school students first entering college.

According to Doreen Matune, secretary of academic affairs, 71 applying students participated in Advanced Placement testing. Credit for 89 courses was awarded by the registrar's office.

"They [College Board] assume you've got knowledge for at least a C in the class to pass the exam," Pierce said. "They have recommendations for scores, and Westminster follows those guidelines."

The American Council on Education uses College Board's guidelines in recommending scoring groups.

"So if ACE says credit for one course, [the Registrar's Office] will give four hours [of credit]," said Carol Yova, director of the Lifelong Learning Program.

A significantly higher score also allows a student to earn more credit, Yova said.

See **EXAMS,** *page A-4*

Carillon bells leave lasting legacy on campus

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

Every day, every hour, even every quarter hour, students hear the carillon bells ring out over Westminster's campus.

Lately though, one of the carillon bells seemed to have a duller tone than usual. One of the four bells which are programmed to chime on the hour and quarter hours was broken. The clapper inside the large bell was not hitting the side of the bell with enough of an impact to make it ring clearly. Paul Musser, who has played the carillon since 1943, was called to help repair the broken bell.

"Those bells have been ringing for 70 years, they have to run down every once in awhile" said Musser. "I've counted all the times that they've rang the hour and quarter hours, and it comes to over two million times."

The bells have changed a lot since Musser began to play them 63 years ago. When he first started out, there were only 12 bells, which limited the number of songs one could play. Now there are a total of 42 bells, seven of which were recently donated to the college by the Class of 1956.

Musser transposed over 75 hymns to be played on the carillon, which he plays on many different occasions, including Vespers, chapel, weddings, funerals, and holidays. On November 11, he will be playing the carillon in remembrance of Armistice Day.

"I like to play songs that fit the mood of the event" said Musser. "For example, this Saturday I'm playing patriotic songs for Armistice Day; I play romantic songs for weddings, and hymns for vespers and chapel."

See **BELLS,** *page A-4*

Professor's studies honored

Dr. Bryan Rennie receives prestigious award from Romanian President

By Rachel Burkot
Campus writer

Religion professor Dr. Bryan Rennie received the Mircea Eliade Centennial Jubilee Medal from Romanian president Traian Basescu on Sept. 21, 2006.

Rennie received the award at the sixth-annual international European Congress on the History of Religions, which was held in Romania and ran from Sept. 20-23. The conference topic was the religious history of Europe and Asia, and Rennie was presented with the medal for the many years he has spent studying and researching Eliade.

"This is absolutely the most prestigious thing that's ever happened to me in my career," Rennie said. "I've been studying Eliade for about 20 years now, and in a way, this is a culmination of many years of hard work."

Rennie did his Ph.D. thesis on Eliade, a monograph published in 1996. Since then, he has written two edited volumes on Eliade, and another is expected to be published next year, according to Rennie.

"I am obviously not the only person to study Eliade, but the award was given for

significant contributions to the history of religion and particularly to me for my in-depth studies of Eliade," Rennie said.

The medal, given to about 10 history of religion scholars, commemorates 100 years since Eliade's birth. A Romanian who came to America in 1958, Eliade was a professor at the University of Chicago for 30 years and has written more than 20 works on the history of religion, according to Rennie. Although Eliade has been seen by many as a somewhat controversial figure, Rennie said he has been among the small group to defend him for his influence on religion.

"I believe that Eliade is eventually going to be seen as one of the major scholars of the 20th century when people gradually begin to recognize all that he has done," Rennie said. "He achieved the ability to believe in religion without having to commit to one specific tradition."

In addition to the Mircea Eliade Centennial Jubilee Medal, various other awards were given out at the conference. Although this was not Rennie's first international conference, he enjoyed his time in Romania.

"Romanians have a tremendous respect for education and learning, since these things were suppressed for so long," Rennie said. "They were particularly proud of organizing and hosting this conference."

Rennie usually attends two conferences each year in the United States, and he has also attended international conferences in places such as Japan and South Africa.

According to Rennie, receiving the award has given him more publicity with his career. His studies of Eliade have always greatly informed his teaching, and Rennie says this will continue to be the case.

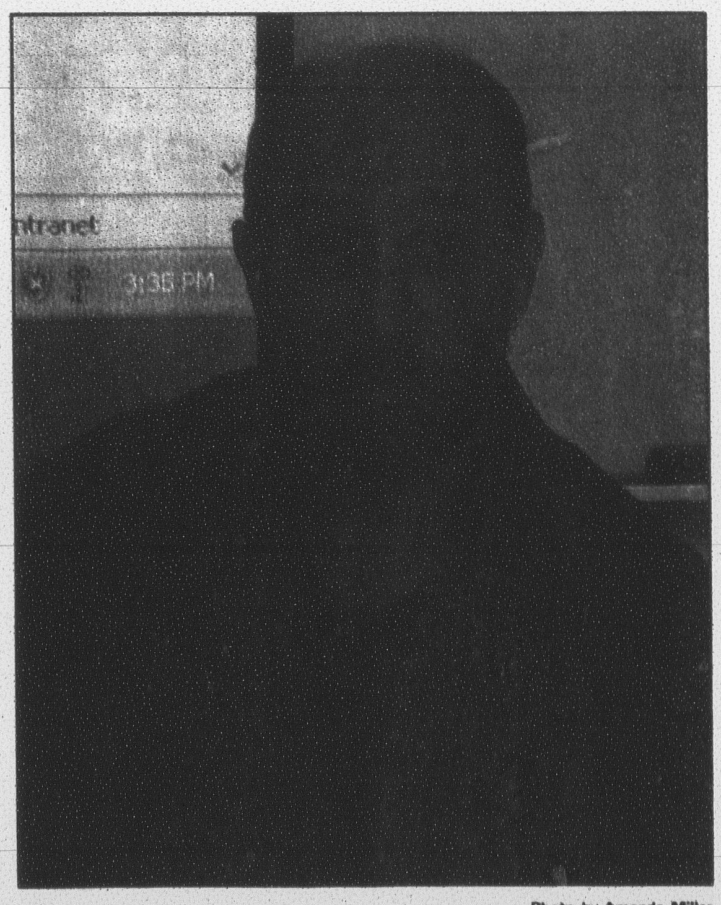


Photo by Amanda Miller

Dr. Bryan Rennie received a medal for his study of Eliade.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

She couldn't turn up the radio.

Basch lives!

You do, I do.

It's pop, not soda!

I come bearing gifts of tape!

There's something magical about stuffing my face with wings.

I suggest that we bring back appropriate punctuation marks like the interrobang.

"Bang-up job" is even funnier if you move the dash.

I'm crying like a church on Monday.

I don't like candles 'cause they make me see the light.

I constantly thank God for your mother, Steve.

Mad props to the registrar for publishing the schedule online!

Put down your new God, and love me like Sunday again.

30 seconds 'til I mess up your face!

Let's groove tonight.

Stop trying to make "kitch" happen!

Bob Casey is the man.

Mmm. Smells like democracy.

Someone has got to Rant and Rave more often!

Berb.

Tienes mi corazón.

"In the name of academia" is much more convincing than "for the hell of it."

You rush a miracle man, you get rotten miracles.

Half of writing history is hiding the truth.

Eta kooram nah smech!

Why is Bartleby one of the coolest names ever?

Here I am, comfortable.

I can't believe that I'm almost done for good.

This man should not be allowed to rant and/or rave.

I want make benefit U S and A!

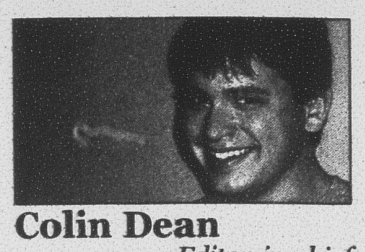
Spiffy bedonkulous.

I killed the ship that killed us. Not very Christian of me.

I swear to God the entire script is right before your eyes.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Tact: an oft-forgotten virtue



Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

Never underestimate the importance of tact in any confrontation, no matter the brevity nor urgency; amicability nor hostility.

Why?

If you *tell* someone to do something, you are immediately offensive and they immediately become defensive. If your first resort is profanity and insults, you should reconsider your reponse.

According to Wikipedia, tact is a form of interpersonal diplomacy; the ability to satiate a person's needs using compassion and reason. A tactful person shows sensitivity to a person's needs and does what he/she can within his/her position to fulfill the person's needs.

Merriam-Webster's Dictionary describes tact as a keen sense of what to do or say in order to maintain good relations with others or avoid offense.

In order to maintain tact while posing a question, it is far better to approach someone inquisitively than aggressively.

Let's say you got a bad grade on a presentation. It's better to ask the professor, "What part could I have improved? What parts were lacking?" than say, "Why did *you* give me a bad grade?"

The former phrasing keeps you at a more equivalent level by not forcing the professor to become defensive. The latter, however, is an attack on their decision–regardless of merit–and they'll get defensive.

If someone is not doing his/her job, it's better to keep possessive pronouns out of your exchange. Say, "Will you do this job?" instead of "Could you please do *your* job?" It's not your place to define their job, even if you hold the same position. Everyone likes to be unique and a tactful manner of asking someone to do something respects this.

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Tact is also a part of being professional; it's a necessary skill in the real world for the reasons I outlined above. No one likes to have his/her job security threatened by someone who doesn't understand the duties of the job. Such threatening is frivolous, as it only puts the threatened in a defensive position.

Now, don't take this as a justification for defensiveness by any means necessary, skeptical reader: it is equally important to remain tactful when someone has challenged your initial response. It's equally important to avoid profanity and remain calm throughout the situation, even if the offensive person gets offensive.

Your calm, cool and collected response may calm down the inquisitor and convince them that, in this situation, violence and harsh words will not advance their cause. Even if your nonviolent manner fails to quell their offensiveness,

Even if your nonviolent manner fails to quell their offensiveness, you have a professional duty to remain calm.

you have a professional duty to remain calm. If the person remains fervent, request backup from coworkers or even a supervisor.

Think before you speak, especially when you're asking someone to do something for you.

Margaret Chase Smith, a congresswoman from 1940 to 1973, was right: "One of the basic causes for all the trouble in the world today is that people talk too much and think too little. They act impulsively without thinking. I always try to think before I talk."

Be considerate and remember tact in your daily life.

Colin is a senior computer science major with a penchant for journalism. He believes that asking nicely and persistently is the best way to get something done: "The squeaky wheel gets the oil, but the squealing wheel gets replaced."

Not everyone is cut out for higher education

Staff Editorial
Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. – Monday, Senator John Kerry remarked while talking to an audience of college students that they should stay in school, lest they end up in Iraq. While the comments have drawn a great deal of criticism because of their insulting nature towards American soldiers, they also bring to light the issue of the state of the education system in the United States. With a high school dropout rate of 15 percent and no sign of significant improvement on the horizon, it would behoove those up for election to pay attention to this serious problem in American society.

The focus on dropouts has long been on high schools -- students can't legally leave school until they are 16, so high school is often looked at as the source of the problem. However, this is clearly not the case. As a teacher here in Lafayette County wisely pointed out, when you're a 17-year-old freshman, chances are high that you won't graduate. The problem then, is the fact that there are 17-year-old freshmen.

How is this possible? What kind of a system allows a student to fail the same subjects that many times? The current national requirements say that a student can fail math or English in any given year and still pass, but not both. Clearly, if we are allowing students to disregard either of those two vital subjects, the priorities of the education system are horribly skewed.

The question of how to fix the education system in this country is not new. The Bush Administration made a half-hearted attempt to address the problem with its highly criticized No Child Left Behind Act, which is a complete joke and has accomplished nothing. The United States has the highest GDP in the world, but is 20th in international education rankings, while Japan is 2nd in both GDP and education. What politicians don't seem to understand is that this issue can't be fixed simply by throwing money at it. (Interestingly, the US spends more than 4 times Japan per student on education.) What, then, is the solution?

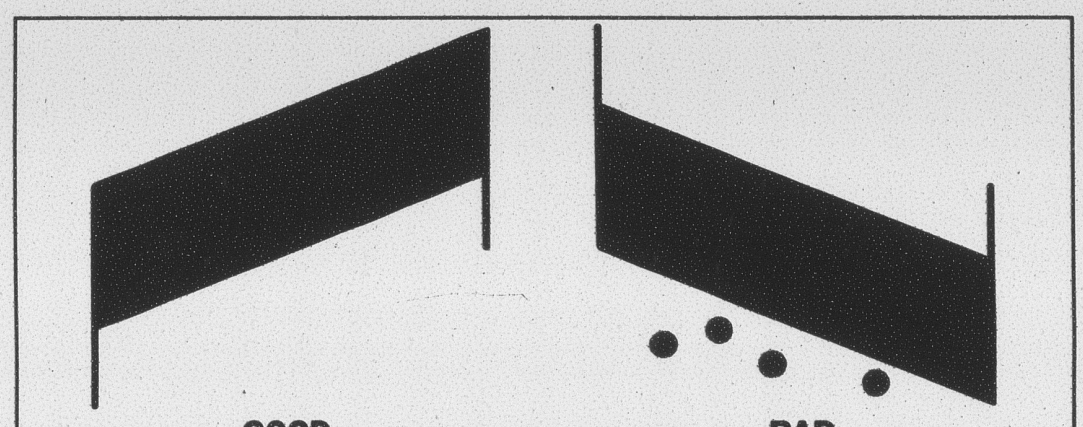
The problem then, is the fact that there are 17-year-old freshmen. How is this possible? What kind of a system allows a student to fail the same subjects that many times?

A great deal of the problem lies with elementary education. The majority of children are born with the ability to succeed in school, at least at the general education level taught in grades K-5. The fact that any child could feasibly get to middle school without ever having learned basic math skills, or even how to read, is absolutely unacceptable. Apathy among parents is obviously the biggest culprit here. The parents of school age children need to take the time to go through their homework, know about tests and help instill in their children the study habits they will need to at least complete high school.

The treatment of the teaching profession by students, parents, and society in general is also deplorable. Why do professional athletes get $30 million salaries, but teachers are one of the lowest paid groups of college-educated professionals? These are the men and women responsible for the future, and they are disrespected and underappreciated by almost every tier of society.

All this being said, it is also important for educators and politicians alike to realize that not everyone is cut out for higher education. However, everyone is cut out for something. Maybe that 17-year-old freshman shouldn't be in high school for general education purposes. Maybe instead he should be focusing on learning a trade of some kind so that he will be prepared for life despite his seeming education deficiency. Carpenters are just as important as engineers.

Vandalism is another form of violence



Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Eichenauer's pool table was flipped not too long ago; just one more casualty in the continuing war against having nice things.

The last time I checked, this campus was filled with young adults. Perhaps I was mistaken, as it seems that I am surrounded by adult children.

Now, I don't want you to think that I've gotten incredibly cranky in the past few weeks, but, come to think of it, I have.

I am tired of people tolerating violence on this campus. Yes, I said violence, not vandalism. Vandalism is violence, and I think it should be tried as such.

I am unsure of the punishments that these individuals receive, but they are likely not strong enough, because people keep breaking things. For the record, I am not calling for private matters to be made public. I care very little about the who of these crimes. I care much more about the what, primarily "what is being done to prevent further damage."

I do not feel that expulsion is too extreme a punishment for large scale vandals. If an individual is found to have caused enough damage to warrant a trip to a higher court, I think that the individual is a serious danger to our safety.

Intoxication is a frequent excuse for the actions of misbehaving children on campus. In these cases, punishments should be even more severe. If you get caught breaking into someone's house and smashing his/her television, the courts do not care if you were drunk or not. Why should that be an excuse here?

We are all adults here, like it or not. I hear a lot of students complaining about being treated like children, and most of their complaints are valid.

Unfortunately, we will not be treated like adults until we act like adults. A good first step in the journey to adulthood is to condemn the childish behavior of our peers. If you know who broke the pool table, let security know, otherwise you are no better than an accomplice.

Okay, so maybe I should try to be a bit less cranky in the future. Let's make a deal.

Starting on Monday, I will be sugary sweet until I encounter someone acting like an idiot. I doubt that I will make it to Friday.

Prove me wrong.

Bill is a senior computer information systems major. He enjoys tea, ska and cheesy science fiction.

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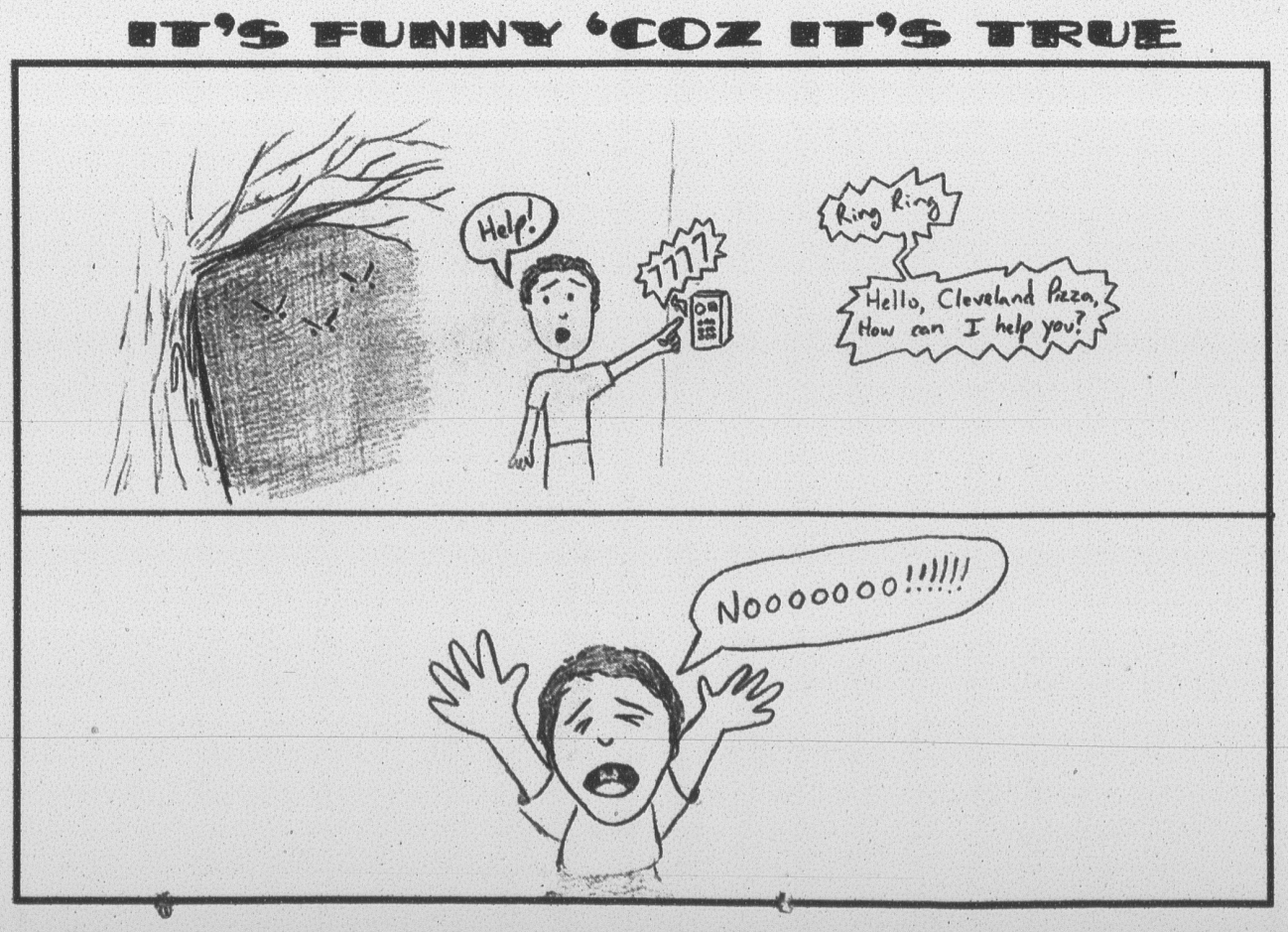

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Rendell cites transit, health care, government reform as goals

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Gov. Ed Rendell said Wednesday that mass-transit funding, health care for the uninsured and government reform will top his second-term agenda.

The Democrat, who won 60 percent of Tuesday's statewide vote to defeat Republican Lynn Swann, vowed to work with legislative leadership teams that are being rebuilt after a string of election defeats.

He hopes to forge compromises on a permanent funding source for the state's deficit-plagued mass-transit agencies and an expansion of programs to help hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians who lack insurance.

At a news conference at his campaign headquarters in downtown Philadelphia, he also vowed to pursue government reforms that he advocated during the campaign, including term limits for legislators, a reduction in the size of the Legislature and limits on giving money to state-level political campaigns. Rendell raised more than $30 million for the campaign that just ended.

"I realize that I am not the best apostle for campaign-finance reform," he said with a chuckle.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Rendell had 2,414,541 votes, or 60 percent, and Swann had 1,591,762, or 40 percent.

Rendell's landslide re-election underscored his status as one of Pennsylvania's most enduring politicians.

In the 2002 election, Rendell carried 18 of the 67 counties. This time, the former Philadelphia mayor carried 33 counties _ not only his traditional strongholds in southeastern and northeastern Pennsylvania but many more rural counties once considered safe for the GOP.

Exit polling showed Rendell's popularity was consistently strong across most economic, ethnic and religious groups.

Swann's support was decidedly conservative, including voters who are born-again Christians, who approve of President Bush's performance and who support the war in Iraq. Swann, who hoped to become Pennsylvania's first black governor, trailed far behind Rendell among blacks.

Rendell said he hopes Democrats prevail in a tightly contested race for control of the state House of Representatives that was still being sorted out Wednesday, but that he was prepared to continue working with a GOP majority.

"I'd much rather have a Democratic House, but I'm not deathly afraid of the prospect of having a Republican House, even one that may be more conservative," he said.

Rendell said this campaign was his last and he finished with money still in the bank.

His campaign had nearly $6 million on hand as of Oct. 23, according to his campaign-finance reports, and received hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional contributions during the last two weeks of the campaign.

The governor said most of that money was invested in a massive Democratic get-out-the-vote effort so U.S. Sen.-elect Bob Casey could concentrate his more limited money to buy precious TV advertising. He said his campaign had purchased all the television time it wanted by Oct. 1, "so all the money that came in went out on the street" for the benefit of Democratic candidates.

On Wednesday, Rendell said he would use some of the $500,000 that he has left to pay bonuses to members of his campaign staff.

Rendell said he does not know whom he would appoint to succeed Casey as state treasurer. He said he would choose someone who is willing to serve only the two years left in Casey's term and who would agree not to run for a full term in 2008.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Voters Slam Some Incumbents Giving Democrats An Edge

Voters re-elected Governor Ed Rendell (D) and ousted U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R) in Tuesday's elections. State Treasurer and now Senator-elect Bob Casey, Jr. made an early Tuesday night victory speech after Santorum graciously conceded. Rendell soundly defeated Republican challenger Lynn Swann.

In the 4th Congressional District race incumbent Melissa Hart (R) lost to challenger Jason Altmire (D). But Republican Congressman Phil English retained his seat in the 3rd Congressional District with a victory over Steven Porter (D) and Timothy Hagberg (CST).

Voters in Lawrence and Mercer Counties make up part of Pennsylvania's 50th State Senatorial District where the election favored incumbent Bob Robbins (R).

In the 9th Legislative District for the General Assembly, Jaret Gibbons (D), who defeated long time Representative Frank LaGrotta in the primary, beat out Slippery Rock resident Chuck Morse (R).

In the 17th Legislative District for the General Assembly, Michele Brooks (R) won over Frank Weaver (D).

And a major upset in nearby Beaver County (the14th Legislative District) has anti-legislative pay raise activists celebrating. That's where one of the top ranking Democrats in Harrisburg has lost his seat. Representative Mike Veon lost to Jim Marshall (R). Veon refused to vote to repeal the pay raise for legislators and maintained his position it was justified.

Lower Speed Limits Proposed in New Wilmington

Drivers in New Wilmington could soon see a change in the speed limit at the beginning of 2007 for many borough streets. Police chief Carmen Piccirillo is asking the borough council to reduce the speed limit on all streets to 25 miles per hour. Piccirillo made the request at Monday's council meeting. He recommends lowing speed limits as a safety precaution. The council will consider the request and could vote on it as early as next month.

NATIONAL

Democrats win control of Congress with Senate victory in Virginia

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a rout once considered almost inconceivable, Democrats won a 51st seat in the Senate and regained total control of Congress after 12 years of near-domination by the Republican Party.

The shift dramatically alters the government's balance of power, leaving President Bush without GOP congressional control to drive his legislative agenda. Democrats hailed the results and issued calls for bipartisanship even as they vowed to investigate administration policies and decisions.

Democrats completed their sweep Wednesday evening by ousting Republican Sen. George Allen of Virginia, the last of six GOP incumbents to lose re-election bids in a midterm election marked by deep dissatisfaction with the president and the war in Iraq.

In the House, Democrats won 230 seats and led in two races, while Republicans won 196 seats and led in seven races. If current trends hold, Democrats would have a 232-203 majority _ 14 more than the number necessary to hold the barest of majorities in the 435-member chamber. Without losing any seats of their own, Democrats captured 28 GOP-held seats.

"In Iraq and here at home, Americans have made clear they are tired of the failures of the last six years," said Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, in line to become Senate Majority leader when Congress reconvenes in January.

As watershed elections go, this one rivaled the GOP's takeover in 1994, which made Newt Gingrich speaker of the House, the first Republican to run the House since the Eisenhower administration. This time the shift comes in the midst of an unpopular war, a Congress scarred by scandal and just two years from a wide-open presidential contest.

Allen lost to Democrat Jim Webb, a former Republican who served as Navy secretary in the Reagan administration. A count by The Associated Press showed Webb with 1,172,538 votes and Allen with 1,165,302, a difference of 7,236. Allen was awaiting the results of a statewide postelection canvass of votes and did not concede the race.

Democrats will have nine new senators on their side of the aisle as a result of Tuesday's balloting. Six of them defeated sitting Republican senators from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Rhode Island, Montana and Virginia. The other three replaced retiring senators from Maryland, Minnesota and Vermont.

Their ideologies are as varied as their home states. Bernie Sanders, an independent who will replace Vermont Sen. Jim Jeffords, is a Socialist who has served in the House and voted with Democrats since 1990. Bob Casey Jr., who defeated Republican Sen. Rick Santorum in Pennsylvania, is an anti-abortion moderate. Webb once declared that the sight of President Clinton returning a Marine's salute infuriated him.

Beside the Webb-Allen race, the Montana Senate contest also was too tight to call early Wednesday. But by midday, Democrat Jon Tester outdistanced Republican Sen. Conrad Burns, who had to fight off campaign miscues as well as his ties to Jack Abramoff, the once super-lobbyist caught in an influence-peddling scheme.

In the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who would become the first female speaker in history, called for harmony and said Democrats would not abuse their new status.

She said she would be "the speaker of the House, not the speaker of the Democrats." She said Democrats would aggressively conduct oversight of the administration, but said any talk of impeachment of President Bush "is off the table."

In the Senate, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, the head of the Democrats' Senate campaign committee, said, "We had a tough and partisan election, but the American people and every Democratic senator _ and I've spoken to just about all of them _ want to work with the president in a bipartisan way."

2006 Pennsylvania General Election Results

9,260 out of 9,274 Districts (99.85%) Reporting Statewide as of 11-9-2006 19:53.

United States Senator
CASEY, BOB JR (DEM) 2,345,082 58.7%
SANTORUM, RICK (REP) 1,652,486 41.3%
Governor
RENDELL, ED (DEM) 2,422,606 60.4%
SWANN, LYNN (REP) 1,591,503 39.6%
1st Congressional District
BRADY, ROBERT A. (DEM) 136,302 100.0%
2nd Congressional District
FATTAH, CHAKA (DEM) 161,832 88.6%
GESSNER, MICHAEL (REP) 16,823 9.2%
BAKER, DAVID G. (GRN) 3,941 2.2%
3rd Congressional District
PORTER, STEVEN (DEM) 83,014 42.1%
ENGLISH, PHIL (REP) 105,640 53.6%
HAGBERG, TIMOTHY J. (CST) 8,544 4.3%
4th Congressional District
ALTMIRE, JASON (DEM) 124,674 51.9%
HART, MELISSA A. (REP) 115,394 48.1%
5th Congressional District
HILLIARD, DONALD L. (DEM) 75,592 40.0%
PETERSON, JOHN E. (REP) 113,573 60.0%
6th Congressional District
MURPHY, LOIS (DEM) 115,806 49.4%
GERLACH, JIM (REP) 118,807 50.6%
7th Congressional District
SESTAK, JOE (DEM) 147,347 56.4%
WELDON, CURT (REP) 114,056 43.6%
8th Congressional District
MURPHY, PATRICK J. (DEM) 125,667 50.3%
FITZPATRICK, MICHAEL G. (REP) 124,146 49.7%
9th Congressional District
BARR, TONY (DEM) 78,813 39.6%
SHUSTER, BILL (REP) 120,199 60.4%
10th Congressional District
CARNEY, CHRISTOPHER (DEM) 109,418 53.0%
SHERWOOD, DON (REP) 96,880 47.0%
11th Congressional District
KANJORSKI, PAUL E. (DEM) 132,751 72.4%
LEONARDI, JOSEPH F. (REP) 50,539 27.6%
12th Congressional District
MURTHA, JOHN P. (DEM) 119,873 60.7%
IREY, DIANA (REP) 77,613 39.3%
13th Congressional District
SCHWARTZ, ALLYSON (DEM) 143,539 66.1%
BHAKTA, RAJ PETER (REP) 73,591 33.9%
14th Congressional District
DOYLE, MIKE (DEM) 155,597 90.1%
NORTH, TITUS (GRN) 17,147 9.9%
15th Congressional District
Candidate Votes Percent
DERTINGER, CHARLES (DEM) 84,424 44.1%
DENT, CHARLES W. (REP) 101,086 52.8%
BROWNE, GRETA (GRN) 5,785 3.0%
16th Congressional District
HERR, LOIS K. (DEM) 78,663 39.5%
PITTS, JOSEPH R. (REP) 112,719 56.6%
MURPHY, JOHN A. (IND) 7,720 3.9%
17th Congressional District
HOLDEN, TIM (DEM) 136,601 64.6%
WERTZ, MATTHEW A. (REP) 74,860 35.4%
18th Congressional District
KLUKO, CHAD (DEM) 102,464 42.2%
MURPHY, TIM (REP) 140,623 57.8%
19th Congressional District
AVILLO, PHILIP J. JR (DEM) 74,388 33.5%
PLATTS, TODD (REP) 142,092 64.0%
MAITLAND, DERF W. (GRN) 5,616 2.5%

Political Pong: Election Results

Democrats. Love them or hate them, they won the election. So whether you're dancing in the streets over the matter or thinking about putting on a cowboy hat and sobbing, the midterm elections painted DC in blue.

In the interest of reporting the election results, Carsen and Steve have teamed up this week to bring you a combined article. Nationally, Republicans were supposed to keep their hold on the Senate, but the Democrats pulled a few last minute seats and took over.

When the final reports came in on Wednesday, the Democrats and Republicans both officially had 49 seats in the Senate, and two seats went to Independent candidates. However, both of the Independent candidates, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Bernard Sanders of Vermont, will caucus (that 45-cent word of the day means 'vote') with the Democrats thus essentially giving the Democrats the majority needed to control the Senate.

As of Wednesday evening, Republicans had lost 28 seats in the House of Representatives, giving Democrats the majority. Many of the races were close; ten remain undecided as we write this article. For the first time since 1994, the Democrats control the House. With this victory, Nancy Pelosi will become the first woman ever to serve as Speaker of the House.

With the Grand Old Party losing control of both houses, President

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Bush has a difficult two years ahead of him. Getting administration policy passed before was hard but now may prove to be almost impossible. Immigration programs will get an extra boost; Democrats want to reform current policies and Bush wants these issues back on his "to-do" list.

Did the Democrats win this election or did the Republicans lose this election?

At this point, it is tough to say. Carsen says Republicans never had it to win. They had absolutely everything to lose.

If the Democrats couldn't win it now, they probably could never win it again.

Why?

Historically, the midterm election in a president's second term has been very difficult to win for the party in power. This election was no exception. A controversial presidency and a controversial war guaranteed Republicans would have an uphill battle from the start.

The races were predominately called for Democrats for a very long time, and the scandal-plagued

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

Republicans could only hope to hang on to as much as they could. All things considered, they held on to a respectable number of seats and still have some kind of power.

From the Democratic standpoint, it was a wonderful evening; one that the Democrats have not experienced congressionally since 1994. With their backs against the wall, the Democrats had no where to go but up, and that's exactly what they did.

So, to answer the original question, it was probably a little bit of both. Democrats gained a majority in Congress that had eluded them for twelve years.

In that sense, the Democrats won the election for themselves. The Republicans knew that things had been looking shaky before the election and were trying to cut their losses.

The Republicans still control the executive branch and are not in shambles as a party, so from that standpoint, the Republicans did not lose this election.

Everyone loves a good surprise, and Tuesday night there were plenty. First on the list: Bob Casey spanked Rick Santorum. And we mean spanked. The pre-election polls had Casey winning by twelve percentage points. Casey pulled out of Tuesday night with an overwhelming nineteen-point victory. Republicans nationwide lost Santorum, their number three man in the Senate.

The second huge surprise of the night came in Pennsylvania's 4th US House district when Jason Altmire defeated incumbent Melissa Hart. Republican Melissa Hart had served as a member of the US House of Representatives since 2000, and in past elections had won with 20 point margins. This loss came as a crushing blow to the Republicans who were expecting to retain this seat.

Just when the Republicans thought they had felt the worst of the election aftershock, another bomb dropped: the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld has been under massive scrutiny over strategies in Iraq. The move was a shock to the general political realm and even to most people in the Pentagon. But the people voiced their opinion Tuesday and voiced it loud: change in Iraq was absolutely necessary. The Bush administration made cuts at the highest level to show it heard the yelling. (Rumsfeld and Bush came to a joint decision on the resignation; Rumsfeld didn't voluntarily leave).

From a Republican strategy standpoint, the decision to have Rumsfeld resign after the elections only added a further blow to defeat. Iraq was the main issue this November, and the Secretary of Defense is the main man to blame for any fault in the war. If the move had been made a week prior, Republicans may have had a chance to add seats to their aisle. Such a move admits, in essence, that changes need to be made. If Republicans had admitted changes were necessary on November 1st, they may have been able to keep their numbers higher.

Rumsfeld's resignation was just extra icing on the cake for the Democrats. Things had gone their way during election night, and a resignation from a top Cabinet member just made the victory a little sweeter. It also signaled a possible change in policy from the White House which was what the Democrats wanted in the first place.

What's interesting about the election results is that in many states, voters did not vote straight party ticket. For example, California voters chose to give Senator Feinstein, a Democrat, another term but also pulled the lever for the Terminator, Republican Governor Schwarzenegger. The electorate in Nebraska, Florida, and Hawaii all voted for a Democratic senator and a Republican governor, and voters in Tennessee, Arizona, Wyoming, and Maine did just the opposite. In fact, there were not many states that voted for one party across the board. Does this mean partisan politics is over? Don't count on it. Voters may have created a more evenly split Congress, eliminating the one party stronghold, but party agendas on both sides will butt heads consistently. In order to get anything done in the next two years, bipartisanship is crucial.

The bottom line here is that we aren't in agreement on how the election should have gone, but we both agree, however, that change was necessary. What's going to change in the next two years before the 2008 presidential election? We're both predicting that not much is going to change, and there is no chance for change if the parties do not work together. Most of the issues now will still be issues in 2008, and that election will likely be based on which party people give credit for accomplishing the tasks at hand. The road to 2008 is probably going to be bumpy, but isn't that part of the fun?

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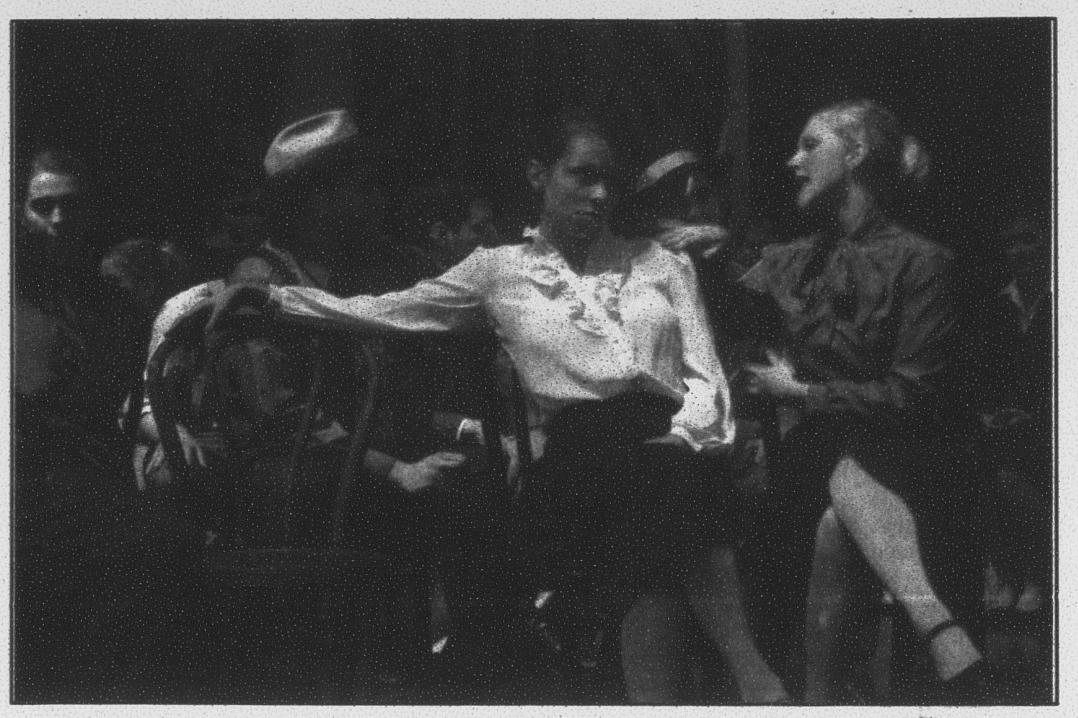
Campus News

Applause all around for *Guys and Dolls*



Photos by Chelsea Boecker

Westminster students sing, dance, and act in *Guys and Dolls*. The show is sold out for the upcoming weekend's three shows.

By Amanda Conway
Campus writer

The theatre department put its best foot forward on opening night of *Guys & Dolls*.

The cast, who auditioned the second week of school and have been practicing since then, put together a stunning performance.

"Everyone has been working really hard from the get go," junior Tracy Harmon (Miss Adelaide) said. "There is a lot of new talent in the show, especially in our collection of eight gangsters."

The play, set in 1930s New York, is about a group a gangsters who follow crap games and their dolls.

The lead roles were portrayed by Alicia Tansey (Sarah Brown), Tracy Harmon (Miss Adelaide), David Timm (Sky Masterson), and John Buco (Nathan Detroit). Other stand-out performances were given by Tony Gomez (Big Julie), Zach Marsh (Harry the Horse), Steve Ruperto (Lt. Brannigan), and Sarah Timm (General Matilda B. Cartwright).

The breakout performance of the evening, though, was Alicia Tansey. The sophomore, who has never sung in Beeghley Theatre, wowed the crowd with her beautiful voice, animated facial expressions, and witty comedic timing that brought the show to life.

The Hotbox dancers kept up the fast pace of the show with their well-choreographed dance routines and vocal numbers, as well.

"I thought the whole show was wonderful," sophomore Gwen Gorski said. "I was actually really surprised at how well it was put together and arranged. I laughed nonstop!"

Casting went smoothly this year due to the influx of men trying out for the play.

"There was a wonderful group of guys that came out this year to sing, dance and act," director of the theatre department Eileen Hendrickson said. "We had a lot of male roles that needed to be filled and we caught a lucky break with the amount of interest the guys on campus had in the play."

The hardworking cast will not have much time to rest after the show ends, though. Auditions are just around the corner for the next show "All My Sons" directed by Scott Mackenzie.

All of the shows are now sold out.

Guys and Dolls runs through this weekend on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:30.

"Compost happens" at Field Station

Opportunity for campus to get involved with helping out the environment

By Caitlin Pratt
Campus writer

The American population produces 210-million tons of trash per year, the majority of which goes straight to landfills.

Dr. Clarence Harms, director of the Field Station, does his best to reduce the amount of waste discarded into landfills – he turns trash into treasure by composting.

The purpose of composting is to "return to the earth what we take from it," Harms said. Whereas landfills keep reusable and recyclable materials from their potential for renewal, composting transforms trash into useful soil.

Harms sorts, by hand, trash collected from campus and community drop-off spots, separating compostable material, or "feedstocks," from plastic utensils and other materials that cannot decompose. He spends an average of 12 hours per week hand-sorting trash, a chore he is more than happy to complete.

He then takes the feedstock to the Field Station's composting area and covers the material with soil to speed up the composting process. The trash becomes useful soil, what Harms calls "brown gold," in just over four months. Microorganisms break down the combined brown feedstocks, which include shredded paper and leaves, and green feedstocks, such as grass and food waste.

A large amount of feedstock comes from the campus dining hall and offices. Sodexho employees collect feedstock, such as half-eaten meals (sans meat), expired food that has not left the kitchen, and cardboard containers, while campus offices contribute shredded paper.

Field Station composting generates an average of 13.7 tons of nutrient-rich soil every month, according to Harms. The soil is given to local gardeners, is placed around campus trees in the spring and is used for planting trees and landscaping at the field station.

The Field Station has been composting for 20 years, but the process has greatly improved over the past year. Increased involvement from the campus and the New Wilmington communities, along with a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection that allowed Harms to purchase necessary equipment for large-scale composting, have helped to progress the environmental impact of composting.

Students can easily get involved in the composting effort. Before throwing out trash, simply bag compostable materials like coffee grounds, banana peels and leftovers and drop them off at the bin marked "compost happens" near the lower entrance of Hoyt. Harms collects the feedstocks once a week.

"The compost project is a great opportunity for the campus community to get involved in environmental aspects," junior Hollyann Leach, president of the Sierra Student Coalition, said. "It is a definite advancement for the college to become a 'green' campus, but we still have a long way to go."

The amount of soil generated by composting with community and campus cooperation proves how simple it is to keep the earth healthy. "We keep energy in motion by keeping materials in the cycle of nature," Harms said. "It's good for the human spirit."

Exams

CLEP, AP exams provide college credit

From Page A-1

"One of the things critical to remember when you take an exam in lieu of a course is that you would not have equivalent information to progress to the next course," Pierce said.

Ultimately, department chairs determine the specific course students will receive credit for in a discipline by examination.

While no currently enrolled students have participated in CLEP, many traditional students have received credit for their AP examination scores.

Junior physics major Lisa Gayetsky received credit for two AP exams, one in math and one in English. As her major requires a significant amount of math, Gayetsky has still had to take further courses.

"I don't have to take an English class [to fulfill the humanity and culture IP requirement]," Gayetsky said.

Unfortunately, most clusters include an English course, so the credit from her exam may have been unnecessary. She does not feel the AP coursework was necessarily a waste, though.

"They're harder classes than the normal ones in high school, so they help prepare you for college," she said.

Junior math major Ben Jarrett received credit for the five AP courses his high school offered.

"I don't have to take as many IPs," he said. "At Slippery Rock [High School], if you passed it, they picked up the tab, so I got a semester's worth of classes for free."

Cleaning up the town

Mortar Board takes responsibility of raking fall leaves

By Cory Baker
Campus writer

It is that time of year again when the leaves that fall are in need of being raked.

This year Mortar Board has taken the responsibility of raking the leaves. Thirty-five members of the Mortar Board paired up with members from the Mortar Board of Grove City College to rake leaves in the Grove City and New Castle areas.

Six students from the Westminster Mortar board traveled to Grove City to team up with Grove City's Mortar Board on Saturday, Nov. 4. Both boards traveled to elderly peoples' homes and raked their leaves.

"We just started raking leaves this past Saturday with the Grove City chapter of Mortar Board; we went to homes in Grove City and New Castle," public relations chair for Mortar Board Jeff Ammons said.

Mortar Board is a national honor society for seniors. It accepts only the top third of the senior class. Mortar Board was founded in 1918, originally as a women's honor society; the board has expanded its horizons to be a co-educational honor society.

This organization helps promote leadership among campuses and helps promotes services to colleges and universities. The Westminster Mortar Board chapter is involved with multiple service projects throughout the fall semester. Every year the Westminster chapter is the sponsor of the Turkey Day fundraiser.

"Turkey Day is and has been one of our primary service projects in the fall," president of Mortar Board Jonathan Deyton said.

Additionally, during the month of November, Mortar Board is teaming up with the Kappa Delta Pi to sponsor an all-campus book drive. Mortar Board also will be reading to pre-school students in the surrounding area. Next semester the Westminster Mortar Board plans to pair with the Grove City Mortar Board again to talk to senior high school students about college.

The Mortar Board will be "discussing the transition from high school to college as well as answering any questions they might have about [specific majors]," Deyton said.

This nationally known honor society strives to better its community through community service. Members of Mortar Board develop their leadership qualities while participating in activities that help people around them.

Bells

Carillon bells still ringing

From Page A-1

Students that are interested in learning to play the carillon bells can talk to either Dr. DeSalvo, who is the chair of the music department, or Paul Musser himself. Currently, Dr. Ray Ocock is teaching one student how to play the carillon. Paul Musser said that Dr. Ocock estimates the student will be ready to play by Christmas Vespers.

"It's important that younger people learn to play the carillon so the college can continue to hear its music" said Musser. "It isn't easy climbing all the way up to the bell tower; I can't do it forever!"

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The bell tower in Old Main is music to the campus' ears.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 66	High 54	High 53	High 49	High 51	High 54	High 46
Low 43	Low 30	Low 27	Low 29	Low 31	Low 28	Low 27
Fog in the a.m.; partly sunny	Breezy and cooler with rain	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy, rain possible	Mostly cloudy	Morning rain possible; cloudy	Clouds and occasional sunshine

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:03 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Saturday	7:04 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Sunday	7:05 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Monday	7:06 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Tuesday	7:08 a.m.	5:03 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	9:41 p.m.	12:31 p.m.
Saturday	10:49 p.m.	1:05 p.m.
Sunday	11:53 p.m.	1:32 p.m.
Monday	none	1:55 p.m.
Tuesday	12:56 a.m.	2:15 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 12	Nov 20	Nov 28	Dec 4

Weather History

A powerful storm produced a state record low barometer reading of 28.54 inches in Spencer, Iowa, on Nov. 10, 1998. Albert Lea, Minnesota, had a record low reading of 28.43 inches.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	62	46	pc	50	30	r	49	32	s	42	35	r	51	35	c
Butler, PA	66	45	pc	54	31	r	54	28	pc	48	31	r	50	32	c
Cambridge, OH	68	46	pc	56	29	r	55	31	s	51	33	r	53	34	pc
Canton, OH	64	46	pc	51	30	r	52	31	s	47	33	r	50	34	c
Cincinnati, OH	69	45	pc	51	32	r	54	34	s	51	36	r	55	37	c
Clarion, PA	63	45	pc	53	30	r	48	25	pc	48	27	r	48	30	c
Clarksburg, WV	70	50	pc	58	32	r	57	34	pc	56	38	r	57	38	pc
Cleveland, OH	61	45	pc	51	32	r	53	36	pc	46	36	r	51	38	c
Columbus, OH	67	45	pc	52	31	r	52	35	s	48	41	r	53	39	c
Cumberland, MD	69	44	pc	62	33	r	57	29	pc	53	31	pc	54	33	pc
Erie, PA	59	47	pc	53	35	r	48	33	pc	46	35	r	49	37	c
Franklin, PA	63	44	pc	53	30	r	50	25	pc	48	28	r	48	30	c
Greensburg, PA	68	46	pc	55	31	r	55	27	pc	54	30	r	52	32	pc
Greenville, PA	64	44	pc	52	29	r	50	28	pc	47	30	r	49	32	c
Grove City, PA	65	43	pc	53	30	r	53	26	pc	48	29	r	50	30	c
Hagerstown, MD	68	51	s	62	37	r	54	33	pc	54	37	c	54	39	c
Indiana, PA	71	51	pc	59	33	r	54	33	pc	58	37	r	46	36	c
Jamestown, NY	59	44	pc	50	30	r	44	28	pc	39	31	r	42	35	c
Kittanning, PA	69	45	pc	57	32	r	54	27	pc	51	29	r	51	30	c
Lisbon, OH	67	44	pc	58	30	r	54	29	pc	51	30	r	52	33	c
Mansfield, OH	63	42	pc	50	29	r	50	34	s	48	35	r	48	36	pc
Marietta, OH	72	48	pc	56	34	r	59	30	s	54	34	r	54	33	pc
McKeesport, PA	68	47	pc	54	32	r	55	30	pc	53	33	r	52	34	pc
Meadville, PA	62	45	pc	51	31	r	48	30	pc	44	34	r	47	34	c
Morgantown, WV	70	51	pc	58	30	r	56	32	pc	55	36	r	50	38	pc
New Castle, PA	67	44	pc	55	31	r	54	28	pc	50	30	r	52	32	c
Oil City, PA	62	44	pc	52	31	r	49	25	pc	48	28	r	48	30	c
Pittsburgh, PA	66	49	pc	54	34	r	50	32	pc	50	34	r	51	38	pc
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Titans accept ECAC bid

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The Westminster College volleyball team attained several postseason honors along with a bid for the ECAC tournament after an unfortunate upset by Thomas More in the PAC tournament.

The Lady Titans hosted Thomas More in the PAC semifinals on Friday, November 3. The Saints took all three games with scores of 30-21, 30-28, and 30-28.

Leading in kills was senior Rachael Cooper who obtained 13 kills. Senior Katie McDermott and junior Danielle Hogue followed with seven kills apiece. Defensively Kylene Hoch led the way with a respectable 31 digs, while sophomore Traci Hassell dished out 28 assists.

The Lady Titans hard work throughout the season was recognized as the PAC coaches voted for postseason honors. The Titans collected three of the four special individual awards and had two senior players placed on the all-conference team.

The PAC Coach of the Year was awarded to head coach Tammy Swearingen who led the team to its tenth season with 20 or more wins during her 14 year career.

"I was very surprised and honored to be awarded Coach of the Year. This award is for my coaching staff, not me," stated Swearingen.

Katie McDermott was named PAC Player of the Year along with earning first team all-PAC honors. She led the Titans with 2.86 kills per game and .369 hitting percentage. McDermott also averaged 0.95 blocks per game.

"I was very surprised when I found out I was voted Player of the Year. I didn't expect it at all," said McDermott.

The PAC Defensive Player of the Year award went to Kylene Hoch who led the team with 4.41 digs per game this year.

"I was speechless when I found out I got the award. It was really exciting to be recognized by the PAC coaches," stated Hoch.

Rachael Cooper earned first-team all-PAC honors as she led the league with 0.78 service aces per game. She also holds the school record with 257 career aces.

"During my career at Westminster I have always played positions that needed to be played," said Cooper. "As a senior it is a privilege to have been recognized."

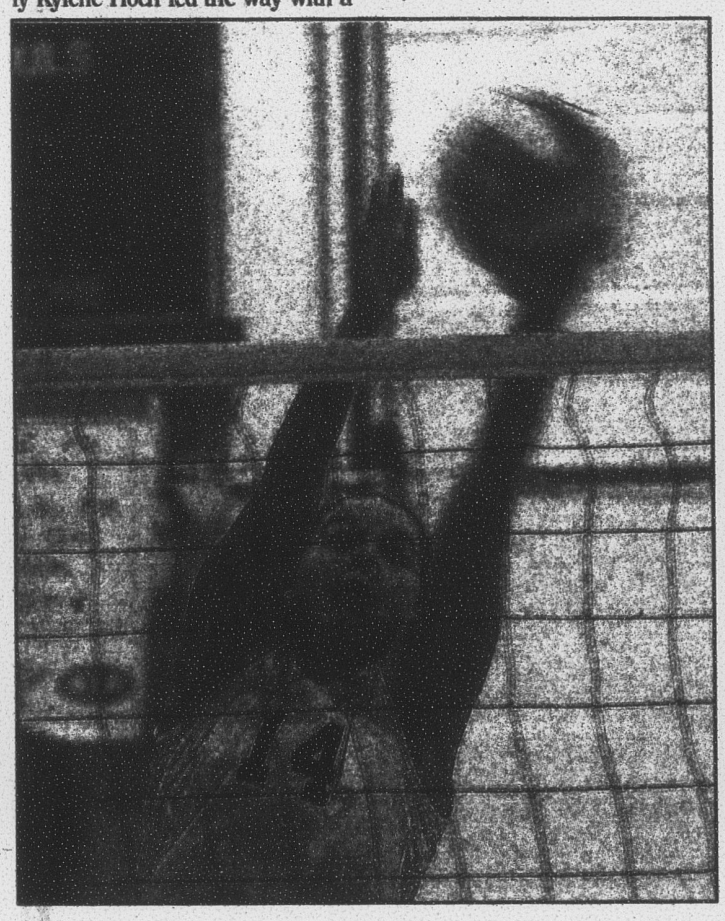
Receiving honorable mention for the all-PAC team were junior Diana Conzett and Traci Hassell. Conzett ranked second on the team with 2.80 kills per game and Hassell led the team with 9.97 assists per game.

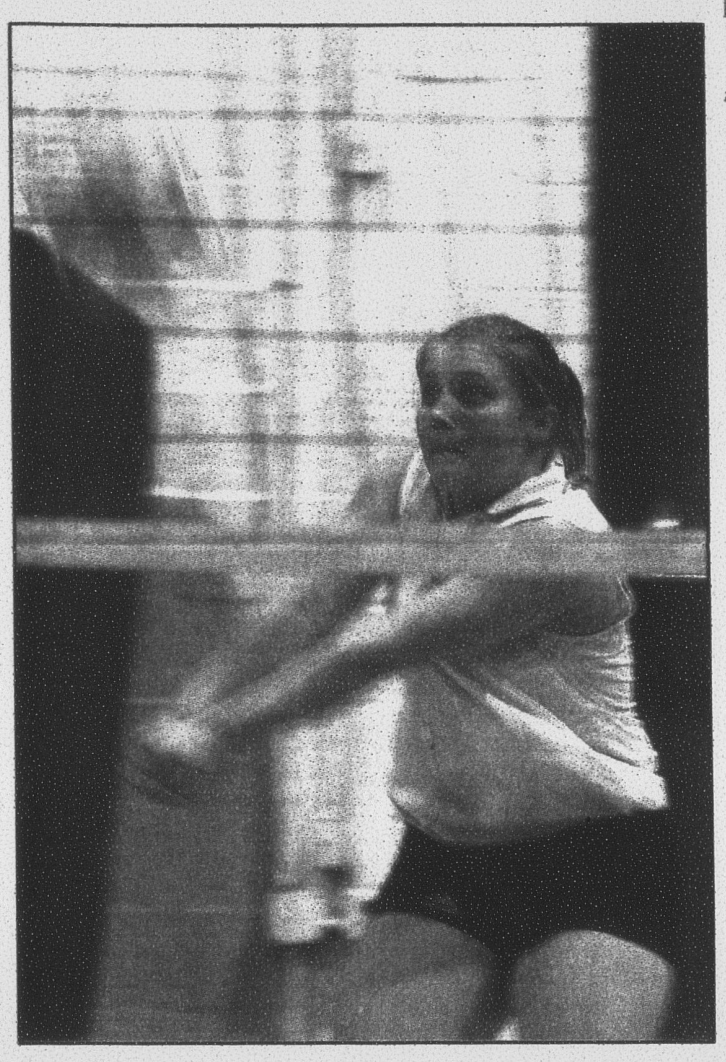
"I am pleased that the other coaches recognize the talent that these individuals have," stated Swearingen. "It was rewarding to see them honored this year, especially after the way the PAC tournament ended."

The Titans season is not over as they will be traveling to the ECAC tournament in New Jersey. Westminster is the No. 3 seed in this eight-team tournament and will be competing against No. 6 Rutgers-Newark on Friday, November 10 in the quarterfinals.

"I was really excited to be selected to the ECAC tournament," stated Swearingen. "We haven't been invited since 2002, the last time we won the PAC tournament. It's a great opportunity to compete against these programs. It is also wonderful for the seniors to finish on a higher note."

"The end of this season has been an emotional rollercoaster," adds McDermott. "I am excited that we now have the chance to salvage what was a bad way to end the season."





Photos by Laura DellAntonio

Above, leading the the Lady Titans in digs per game, Sophomore Kylene Hoch was named PAC Defensive Player of the Year.

Left, Senior Katie McDermott was named PAC Player of the Year and to first team all-PAC honors with teammate Senior Rachel Cooper.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Pittsburgh's ups and downs: at least one sport is succeeding

Young, talented, and a favorite of Barry Melrose's mullet are just some ways of describing this year's Pittsburgh Penguins.

With star power in the likes of Sydney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, the Penguins boast the best starting line in the NHL. With Colby Armstrong as the forward opposite Malkin, this line's total points is as good as any line in the NHL. With a second line centered by Jordan Staal, and winged by Mark Recchi and Nils Eckman, the Penguins skate a very solid second line to compliment one of the league's best first lines.

Defensively, Sergei Gonchar anchors one of the NHL's most improved defenses. Coupled with Noah Welch, whose shown much improvement after splitting time last year between the Penguins and their minor league affiliate, Gonchar has led a solid defensive rotation. Ryan Whitney and Brooks Orpik hold down the second defensive line. With youth on their side, Whitney and Orpik team-up to provide a solid defensive force for the Penguins.

In the net, former first round pick Marc-Andre Fleury is finally living up to all of the hype and potential. Fleury has been one of the most solid goaltenders in the league this year. With a solid defense, the back line has proven solid for the Pens this year.

With a 7-4 record, the Pens are only one point out of the division lead, and with more experience, the Pens, according to the mullet and Barry Melrose will only get better.

At least the city of Pittsburgh has one sports team playing well this year. Last year at this time, the Penguins were a non-entity and all the talk was about the Pittsburgh Steelers. This year, the men of steel have melted under the pressure of defending a Super Bowl championship.

Motorcycle accident, appendectomy, and a concussion may have just combined into an obstacle that Big Ben will not be able to overcome, at least not this year. All of these events take a toll on a man, and Ben Roethlisberger is no doubt changed as a result of the trials and tribulations he has had to deal with.

Big Ben aside, the normally solid steel curtain defense has been shredded this year. In the Atlanta game, despite the extraordinary efforts of Charlie Batch, the defense could not muster a stop and slam shut the door on the Atlanta Falcons. The Steelers defense, and particularly Ike Taylor and the Steelers' secondary gave up 33 points to a struggling Broncos offense and a struggling Jake Plummer.

As bad as the Steelers have played, and as poor as their overall record is, they still have five of six division games remaining. If the Steelers could catch fire and win these crucial division games, Pittsburgh could shake up the division and possibly make a run at the playoffs. However, Pittsburgh realistically needs to put together another eight game winning streak, like the one that carried them all the way to Super Bowl champions last year.

Hopefully, the Steelers will turn it around, or else December will no longer be the official month of the Steelers, but rather will mark the beginning of when Pittsburgh sports fans transform from football fans into hockey fans.

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Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Men's soccer wins PAC championship title

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Sports writer

The men's soccer team put the icing on the cake of its season by defeating Bethany College 4-3 to bring home the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship trophy.

The men took the 2 ½ hour trip to face top conference seed, Bethany, on the Bison's home field. It was an intense back-and-forth game, but the Titans took the throne as top team by winning 4-3. Head coach Girish Thakar said that he went into the game relatively confident, but had a few uncertainties due to the caliber of Bethany's team.

"They [Bethany] hadn't conceded a goal in eight games and we lost to them just a couple weeks ago," Thakar said. "When they scored the first two goals of the game, I really hoped that we would be able to come back."

After Bethany booted in the first two goals of the game, the Titans willingly responded by scoring two equalizing goals, making the score 2-2 in the first 30 minutes. Scoring first for the Titans, in the thirty-fourth minute, was freshman midfielder Justin Flowers who was followed with another goal from senior forward Mark Sadler. Junior forward Ande Saporito assisted the first goal, while sophomore defender Chris Ellwanger assisted the second.

Bethany responded to Sadler's goal just a minute later by reclaiming the lead 3-2.

However, the Titans refused to give Bethany the upper hand for too long as Saporito responded with an equalizing goal just seconds before the halftime buzzer sounded. Coach Thakar thought the frequent scoring made for a thrilling game.

"The game was really exciting for the players, coaches, and fans," Thakar said. "The guys played their hardest the whole time to make it a good game."

The Titans were the only team to score in the second half when sophomore defender Steve Hoyga came off the bench to pick up his first goal of the season in the sixty-ninth minute.

For the remainder of the game, the Titans' defense remained solid by shutting down the Bethany offense, and giving junior goal-keeper Chris Passione just one save to make. Coach Thakar was pleased with the outcome of the game.

"Everyone played well whether they started or came off the bench," Thakar said. "We deserved to win the game and it feels good to bring the trophy back home."

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The men's soccer team celebrates their PAC win.

According to Thakar, the Titans received a bid to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament where only the best eight teams on the east coast are chosen to participate in a tournament.

Senior captain Todd Atwood was pleased with the outcome of the game as well as the team's play overall.

"Our team has really built up a lot of confidence after doing so well at the end of our season," Atwood said. "It is good to go into the ECAC tournament with that kind of confidence."

Senior Blake Ordell was elated to have the conference title back, as the Titans have been trying to reclaim it since 2002.

"It was a thrilla in manilla or West Virginia," Ordell joked. "It felt great to finally win the PAC championship after four years, every player on our team stepped it up and played a part in the huge victory, and we are still dancing into the ECACs hoping to take another championship home," Ordell said.

Swim teams start out on path to defend PAC titles

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The men's and women's swim teams set out to defend their PAC titles this season. The swim teams look like they have sound depth in all of their events this upcoming season.

The roster sizes of the teams are at an all-time high, the experienced senior class is stout with leadership and both teams are coming off PAC championships, including the third title in the last four years for each team.

"I think that the meet last weekend is a small preview of what we can do this year," sophomore Stephen Burns said. "I think this year our team will be a lot tougher in close races than compared to last year."

The Titan men return 19-letter winners from last year's team that went 9-1-1 straight to the PAC title, while the women welcome back 12 letter winners from a PAC championship team that went 9-2.

The senior men's swimmers are led by three-time All-American Ryan Trunk and the 2005-2006 PAC champions Chip Hothem, Adam Rady and Pat Smith. "Our team goals are to repeat as PAC champions and to place high at the national level," Smith said. "We are also looking to send the first relay in school history to the NCAA meet."

The Titan men also return three underclassmen who took gold at the PAC meet last year: sophomore Zac Gephardt who won the 1,000 and 1,650 freestyles, sophomore Chris Lehberger triumphed in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes and sophomore Conor Simpson claimed the 200 butterfly title.

"I think this season will go good. The team as a whole is in better shape than last year and I think we can go a lot faster than last year," Lehberger said. "We do have some tough competition, so we have to step it up, but I think we can do it."

On the women's side, the Lady Titans are back to defend their PAC title that they won last year over Washington & Jefferson. Like the men's team, the Lady Titans also have strong senior leadership.

Senior Megan McLaughlin is a talented freestyler and backstroker, while senior Brittany Thomas is back to defend her PAC title in the 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle. Sophomore Megan Mier is a returning PAC champion, having captured the 100 back last year, and Mier was also named PAC swimmer/diver of the week on Oct. 29.

The men's and women's swim teams will visit Allegheny on Nov.11 at 1:00.

Quick Facts

+ Two-time PAC Champions (2003, '05)

+ Finished 32nd in nation in NCAA Division III in 2005

+ 20 consecutive non-losing seasons since 1986

+ Three national champions

Sports

Titans unable to stop Thiel

Football team loses 45-27 to PAC rival; prepare to face Waynesburg in season finale

By Bob Long
Sports writer

Going into the last game of the season the Titans are 2-7 and 1-4 in the PAC. The Titans will be facing Waynesburg, which is 5-4 and 4-1 in the PAC, putting them in second place in the division. Westminster is coming off a hard-fought loss to Thiel at Alumni Stadium and heads home for the last game of the season on November 11.

The Titans went to Alumni Stadium with the intent of proving that they are a better team than their record shows. The Titans came out of the gate explosively and were scoring effectively.

The Tomcats came out and were up 14-0 halfway through the second quarter when QB Kevin Franz scored the first Titan touchdown on a 12-yard run to make the score 14-7. The Tomcats came back with a field goal the next time they had the ball increasing the lead to 17-7.

The Titans came right out fighting to stay in the game and Franz scored his second rushing touchdown of the game on a 9-yard keeper. However, this was not the last Titan score of the half; with 15 seconds left Franz hit Brett Ziegler on a 10-yard touchdown pass sending the Titans into the half up 21-17.

The Titans needed to come out and score to force Thiel out of the game but the Tomcats were fired up and ready to go in the second half. The Tomcats scored 3 touchdowns in the third quarter to put them in a commanding lead of 38-21.

The Titans weren't about to quit though as both teams scored once more in the fourth quarter to make the final score 45-27 Thiel.

Offensive tackle Randy Sylvester said of the team's second half performance, "when we came out of the half all we needed to do is be smart with the ball because we already had them on their heels, and a score to start the third quarter would have sealed the deal for us."

The Titans have been plagued with turnovers all season. Many of these turnovers can simply be blamed on the lack of experience on both sides of the ball for Westminster.

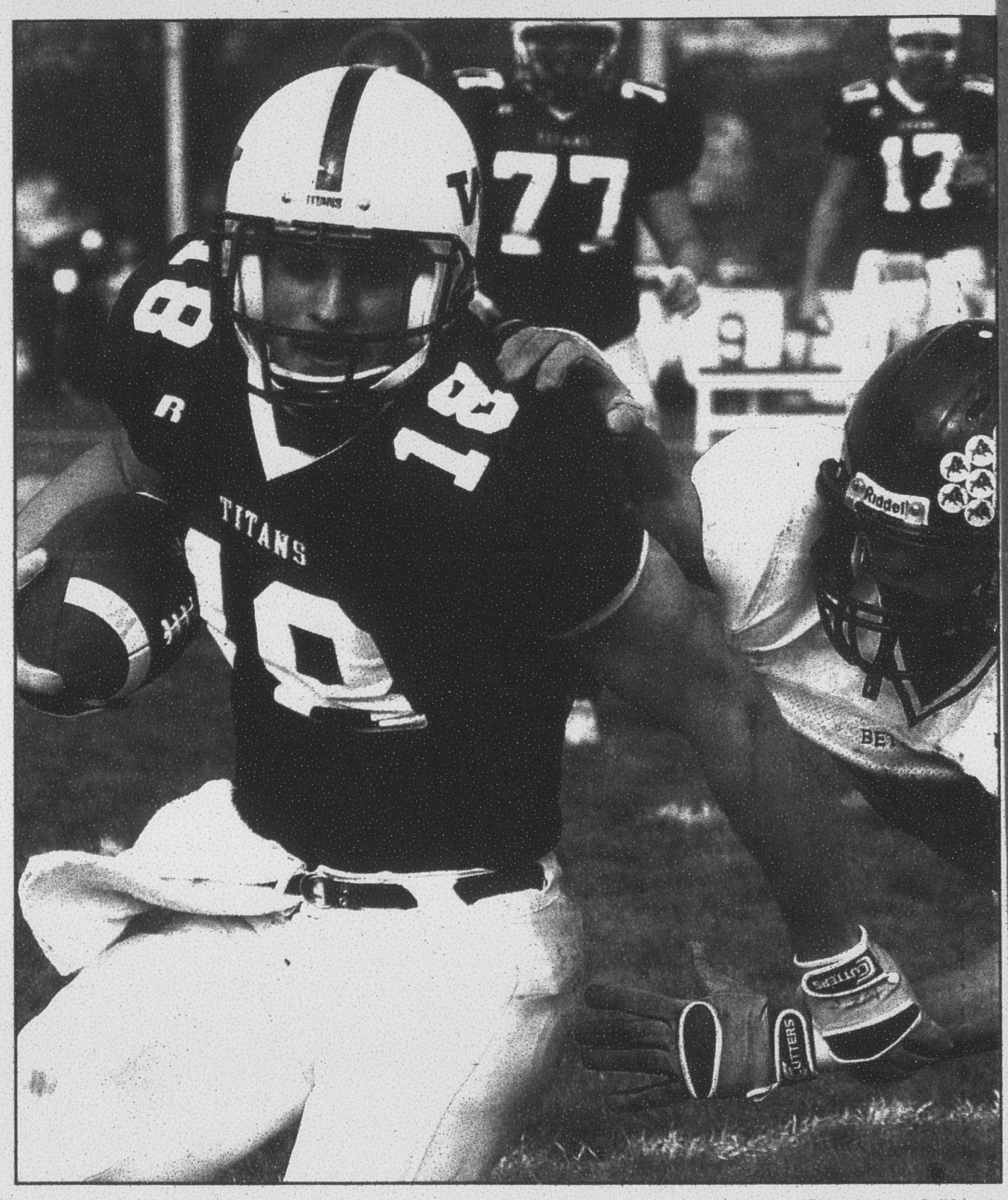
The Titans had a few breakout players against Thiel in QB Kevin Franz and WR Brett Ziegler. Franz had 364 yards of offense on his own and had a hand in all 4 Titan touchdowns against the Tomcats. Brett Ziegler had 13 catches for 154 yards and 1 touchdown against Thiel. Both Ziegler and Franz have chances to secure marks in the record books if they do well against Waynesburg. Also linebacker Jordan Blinn is ranked second in the PAC with 10.4 tackles per game.

Waynesburg comes into the game against Westminster one of the best teams in the PAC with a running game that can really control the tempo. The Yellow Jackets are led by senior running back and leading rusher in school history Ryan Abels.

Abels is the second leading rusher in the PAC averaging 70 yards per game on the ground. This combined with Westminster's inability to stop the run could bode ill for the Titans. The other key to this Waynesburg unit is the defense which is led by the PAC's interception leader Anthony Taylor who has 5 picks on the year. Waynesburg's is also second in the PAC against the pass allowing only 155.3 yards passing per game this season.

This is the last game of the season for Westminster and it will take place at Burry Stadium beginning at 1:30 on Saturday, November 11. The Titans will have one last chance to prove that they are better than their record states against Waynesburg.

When asked about the team's progression over the season, offensive tackle Shane Parker said enthusiastically, "I think we have made strides this season despite our record; we have really been in every game we have played in this season until stupid mistakes occurred. This says a lot about the youth of the team. I think we are all looking for big things next season, but first we have to get a win for the seniors this week."



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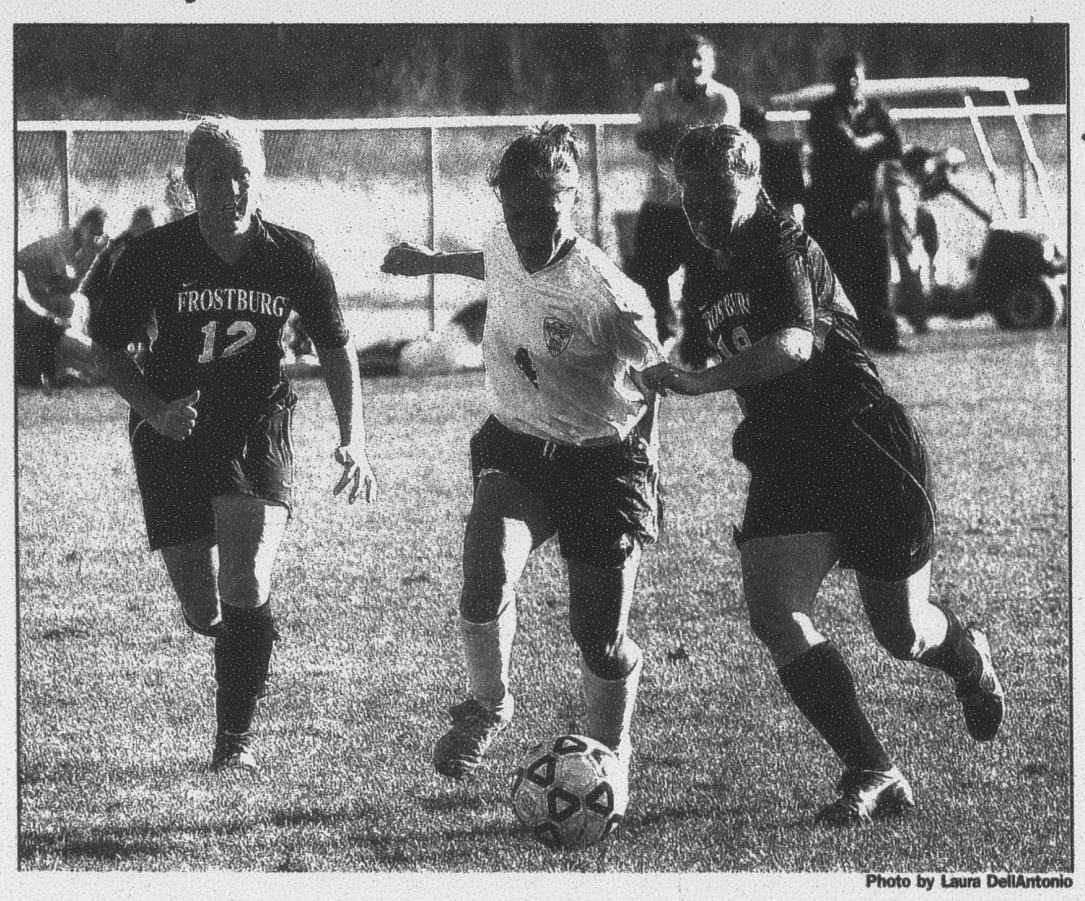
The Titans will be back in action on Sat. Nov. 11 when they host Waynesburg at 1:30 p.m. for their final game of the season.

Lady Titans cinch PACs in shutout after double OT



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Senior forward Sarah Calderone and the Lady Titans pushed past Frostburg State with a 2-0 win on Nov. 9 to advance to the ECAC South Semifinals.

Women's soccer heads to ECAC seeded first enroute to championship

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

"We are the champions, my friends, and we'll keep on fighting till the end…" Luckily the Lady Titans are a humble group of women, otherwise you would be able to hear them proudly singing this tune everywhere on campus.

Although the Lady Titans don't brag, if they did, they would have the right. The Lady Titans went into the PAC Championships as the second seeded team. As they pushed their way through the season their only loss was to Thomas More who became the number one seeded team in the Championships.

Being the second seeded team didn't mean anything to the Lady Titans though and late Saturday night the Ladies had a chance to prove it by taking on Thomas More for the title.

The riveting match began with an entire 90 minutes of remarkable defensive battling on behalf of both teams. "That was our plan," states head coach Girish Thakar, "We wanted to go into the game with a very strong defense."

His plan certainly worked for after the entire regulation play and two overtime periods neither team was able to put one away which meant that the game would be decided with a shutout.

But carrying the fate of the Championships on their shoulders didn't affect the Lady Titans the least bit. They were able to claim the title of PAC Champions after tucking away their first four attempts while Thomas More missed the first and the fifth.

Sophomore midfielder Christina Adams, junior defender Brittany McKee, sophomore defender Jessi Losteter, and junior defender Kristen Martin each scored on their penalty kick attempts for the Titans to claim the victory.

"Throughout the 110 minute battle we held strong and reined like true Titans," states senior captain Sarah Calderone, "There is no better feeling than reclaiming your title!"

But the Lady Titans don't plan to stop now; they plan to keep on fighting. The Lady Titans have the privilege of being the number one seeded team in the ECAC Championships. The Lady Titans have the opportunity to play Frostburg State on Saturday, November 11th.

"They're the team that knocked us out of the NCAA's 2 years ago," states junior captain Brittany Mckee, "It'll be nice to get our revenge on them."

If the Lady Titans win they will host the semifinals and finals, giving them the home field advantage. "It's a good opportunity for us to play a few more games in the post season," states Thakar. Hopefully the Lady Titans can roll through the tournament and claim yet another championship title.

TITAN TALK

Question: After a perfect start to the first half of the season, will the Indianapolis Colts go undefeated?

Byran Borkovich (Bork): I don't think that Colts will go undefeated for the simple fact that the NFL is not what it used to be when the Dolphins did it in '72. They play more games now and the AFC is tougher. And Peyton Manning is a choke artist.

Brandon Phillian (BP): OK, here's the deal. Peyton Manning is not a choke artist. Peyton Manning is THE best quarterback in the NFL and he is the most valuable player to his team in the NFL.

And simply because of Peyton Manning, I believe that the Indianapolis Colts will go undefeated this season. If you look at their schedule they have weak opponents. If they can get by Philadephia and Dallas in back-to-back weeks I think they'll do it.

Tyler Stiffey (TS): When they blew it last year, they lost to a non-playoff team in the San Diego Chargers, so what's saying they won't lose to a bad team again this year? Like Bork said, the Colts and Peyton Manning have always been choke artists and they always will be.

Bork: How can you say that Peyton Manning is not a choke artist? What has he ever won?

BP: Peyton Manning has stuff to prove in the post season. I'll give you that. However, this year the Colts are built for playoff success. The "professor" John Clayton himself even says so.

Bork: John Clayton doesn't know anything

BP: The Colts, I believe, can go undefeated. Peyton Manning and that offense haven't missed a beat without Edgerin James. Now they're going to sign Booker McFarland and strengthen the run defense. Bob Sanders is turning into one of the best safeties in the league. I think the Colts are legit and have a great chance to win the Super Bowl.

TS: I'm still not buying it. Peyton Manning didn't win in high school. He didn't win at Tennessee. Actually the year after Peyton left, Tee Martin, who was an NFL joke, won the National Championship with Peyton Manning's same team. So, there is no chance of them going undefeated this year. He can't do it.

Bork: Looking at the schedule, I see 2 or 3 losses. The Bengals, the Jaguars, and the Cowboys. Any of those teams could do it.

BP: I agree that any of those teams could do it. The key word is COULD. Because it's very hard to go undefeated. The '72 Dolphins are the only team to ever do it. Obviously, one team in the history of the NFL: very hard to do. However, the Bengals are playing like a bunch of bums at 4-4. The Jags are .500. 2 .500 teams. I know last year, it was a non-playoff team that knocked them out, but this year I think Indy can do it. Their strength of schedule is not that tough.

TS: Speaking of the Dolphins, they are the last game of the season for the Colts. And I don't think the 2006 Miami Dolphins are going to give that up.

BP: Well, I really think you're wrong.

Bork: The Bengals might be 4-4, but they're still a good team. And I'll tell you right now, Ocho Cinco [Chad Johnson] and Carson Palmer are going to put up big numbers against defense. Final prediction for Seis Dos, I'm going to take the Cowboys taking them, the Jags and the Bengals.

TS: I think coming down the stretch, with the Bengals being 4-4 right now I think they're going to have a lot to play for. I don't think their going to let the Colts beat them. And the Jags will be in the same situation. I don't think it's reasonable to think the Colts will go undefeated.

BP: I think they're going undefeated this year. Perfect 16-0 running right to the Super Bowl and Peyton won't be a choke artist anymore. And, oh yeah, for my boy Denny Green: "The Bears are who we thought they were."

STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. (Westminster College News Release) - Westminster College junior women's soccer player Kristin Martin has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Martin scored the last of four penalty kicks that won the PAC championship for the Titans after the final game at Thomas More on Saturday went scoreless through two overtimes.

Martin is also a defender for the Titans whose efforts limited opponents to just 16 shots in two games, while the Titan goalkeeper was forced to make just fives saves in two shutouts.

Kristen Martin
Women's Soccer
Junior - Defender
Pittsburgh

Blue & White Game
Monday Nov. 13th, 7:30 PM
Two students will win $ for books in the second semester !!!
Hoops, contests, and fun!
Doors open at 7:00 PM, Admission is free.
Hope to see you there!

Campus News

Getting Sick May Be More Convenient

By Akesha N. Joseph
Staff writer

It's that time of year again, and as flu season approaches, many other viruses and illnesses will invade Westminster's campus. The Student Health Center is doing everything in its power to ensure the health and well being of the students on campus.

Currently, the Student Health Center provides medical care to all full-time students as well as part-time students that pay the activities fee.

The Health Center treats students on an outpatient basis and also aims to educate students about health related issues. Students can also receive allergy shots, vaccinations, and respiratory therapy for an additional fee.

Students who are in need of more extensive care are able schedule an appointment with a licensed physician, who comes to campus for an hour every weekday. Accommodating the more than 1400 different student schedules can be somewhat difficult.

A Senator of the Student Government Association brought the problem to SGA's judicial committee at the end of last year.

Kial Vidic, Judicial Chair of SGA, and Judy Duda, Director of the Health Center, met several times in the spring about the matter. "We decided to design an e-mail survey regarding the overall aspect of the Health Center," said Vidic. The survey answers varied, but strongly indicated that very few students knew when the Health Center hours were available.

Duda then contacted SGA asking them to draw up a resolution to change the hours to what the students felt would be more beneficial. Vidic and her committee found that there was not a need for any additional hours, but there is a need for adjustments to the hours the doctors are available on campus.

The Student Government Association and Health Center officials are now teaming up to provide a change in the hours that students can see the physician on campus.

The Student Health Center is now open from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Students are able to visit the physician by appointment, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:15am – 9:15am, and on Tuesday from 1pm-2pm, each week.

On Thursday, November 2, the SGA Senate passed a resolution to change the Health Center physician hours to a time more convenient for the majority of students. SGA is recommending that the doctor's hours be change to Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:30pm-12:30pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00am-8:00am, every week. Vidic believes "by altering Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the doctor will be more accessible to the students who normally have to miss class or get up at the crack of dawn to meet with the doctor.

The Tuesday and Thursday hours will remain early to accommodate those student teaching or who prefer early appointments."

Though the resolution seems more suitable for students, it has yet to be finalized. The resolution is only a recommendation made by SGA and now lies in the hands of the Board of Trustees, administrators, and the Health center for approval.

McKelvey

Alumnus, donor quits company he founded

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In 1967, McKelvey founded Telephone Marketing Programs (TMP). Today, TMP, the world's largest Yellow Pages agency, serves more than 480 of today's Fortune 500 companies. In 1999, TMP merged with Online Career Center and The Monster Board to form today's leading global online network for careers: monster.com.

In 2000, Andrew McKelvey also created a foundation that provides over 600 scholarships to underprivileged students pursuing a college degree. The McKelvey foundation has identified the poorest rural schools in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York and awards full scholarships to deserving high school seniors who demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit. Winners of the scholarship must then choose from a list of pre-selected colleges which includes Westminster.

Information provided by Reuters and mckelveyfoundation.com.

American Red Cross Association looking for members

New club seeks to advance non-profit

By Thomas J. Campana
Campus writer

The fall semester has brought many new clubs to campus, including the newly formed American Red Cross Association.

The American Red Cross Association is one of the largest non-profit organizations in the United States. The local Red Cross chapters of Beaver and Lawrence Counties had been at the internship fair for two years, looking for local students to start a program on campus that would help promote the Red Cross.

Sarah Timm, a senior music education major, has put together a chapter of this organization on campus.

Timm has been in contact with the Beaver and Lawrence chapter of the American Red Cross for the past two years to help with disaster relief in the New Wilmington area.

"My hope is that we will get many enthusiastic volunteers in this new organization so we can assist in disaster relief and work closely in the New Wilmington community," Timm said. "My biggest hope is that after I graduate, the Red Cross organization will continue to grow. I have faith in the members that they will carry on with the organization for years to come."

The Red Cross Campus Organization will consist of two parts, the club and the disaster team.

Members can join just the club or both if they wish. The club will also assist blood drives, disaster training, and CPR classes for those who are interested.

"The club offers many chances to help out the community in a way that other clubs cannot," sophomore Mandie Zoller said. "I am excited to volunteer my time to help my community and be a part of this organization."

The group will be a great asset to the campus and students who wish to join this club. It will look great on resumes, while also helping students learn the benefits of local and national disaster relief help.

"The Red Cross does not receive any money from the government at all, although they work closely with government policy," Timm said. "Therefore, it's important that we are all aware of this organization so we can keep it going for years to come."

The next meeting for the American Red Cross club will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 5:30pm in the Mueller Theater.

LAN Party hopes to recruit new students while also having fun

By Samantha Bruening
Campus writer

Senior Ryan Moore helped organize the sixth semi-annual LAN party held on November 4.

The event was held in Hoyt 228 from noon to 10 p.m. Twenty students attended, including those from campus, the University of Pittsburgh, Clarion University, and various high schools. The participants played games such as Def-Con, Counterstike, and Unreal Tournament 2004. One attendee brought Never Winter Nights 2, a game released only a few days prior to the event.

Stanton Fleming served as the faculty advisor for the group. Attendees also enjoyed pizza, pop, and $800 worth of prizes. These prizes included power supplies, computer cases, and Geek Squad t-shirts. Prizes were awarded to those who either won a tournament or answered a video game trivia question correctly. The first brain teaser presented by the group was the real name of "Tails" in the game Sonic the Hedgehog.

"It's a nice break from everything," Moore said. "You get to take a whole day to play games, eat some unhealthy food, and just relax."

Senior Colin Dean organized the first Local Area Network party in April 2004 as a way to recruit prospective students. Most attendees are, or become, computer science, physics, or English majors. After the first party, three attendees who were in high school at the time matriculated in the fall, including Moore, who is currently in charge of its organization.

"There is a lot of work involved in organizing a LAN party," Dean said. "One of the most challenging parts is finding sponsors and gathering prizes."

The party had a positive impact on me and made me consider going to Westminster a lot more.
Garrett Miller, high school senior

Those involved in the party's organization must petition various sources for sponsorship. The two main contributors are the Office of Admissions and the Department of Mathematics.

All attendees must bring their own equipment including a personal computer, headphones, Ethernet cable, and any necessary power cables. The individual computers are plugged into a switch that enables them to connect to one another for game playing. In addition to the games, attendees also watched sci-fi movies during the party to give them a break from their computer screen.

In order to encourage high attendance from those still in high school, the Office of Admission sends an e-mail to all prospective students. This is in addition to the e-mail that Fleming sends out to all campus members. Those involved in the party hope that it serves as an ice breaker to give high school students a chance to interact with college students while doing something they enjoy.

"Everyone has been more than welcoming," Conneaut Lake High School senior Garrett Miller said. "The party had a positive impact on me and made me consider going to Westminster a lot more."

Registration to remain personal

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Registration week means setting up advising appointments, picking the right classes, and dropping everything at the assigned time to set spring schedules in stone.

With the exception of the constantly updated Campus Connect, the process of registration has remained relatively routine. According to Registrar June Pierce, students are assigned a day and time, based on number of credits. When the time comes they trudge up to the Witherspoon Rooms, wait in line, sit down at a computer with an advisor, and hope the computer agrees with the classes they want. Pierce says this approach is personal and helpful for students if they get into a scheduling bind.

"By the way we conduct the registration process, students have on the spot assistance from advisors if they cannot get into a class." Pierce said.

Sophomore elementary education major Catherine Bishop had a fairly flawless time registering this semester and likes the extra assistance.

"I was able to get into all the classes I wanted," Bishop said. "I like having someone put the classes into a computer for me because if I had to do it myself, I might make a costly mistake."

Some students feel, however, that personal assistance is not worth the effort of leaving their rooms if classes can be scheduled online instead. Several colleges and universities have implemented online programs that students can use to register for their classes. Although these are most common at larger Division 1 schools, they have been migrating towards smaller schools. One such school is Allegheny College.

Deirdre Geary, sophomore biology major at Allegheny, said one of the pros of registering online is that it takes mere minutes.

"Last semester, registration took me less than five minutes," Geary said. "A lot of people like it, but some don't; it has its ups and downs."

Geary admitted that one frustrating thing about having online registration is that the computer system frequently gets overloaded and shuts down when too many students attempt to logon at once. With the inconsistency of TitanNet, that would likely be an issue with online registration on this campus.

Another unforgiving aspect of manual registration, making students wish for the online alternative, is the assigned time. According to Pierce, the more credits a student has, the earlier he or she registers. However, the list of acceptable excuses a student has for missing his or her designated registration time can likely fit on one small post-it note. One major "no-no" is missing class for registration.

...Moving the registration process online is not on the future agenda for this campus, despite its growing popularity.

Sophomore political science major Jen Alberts was in a registration bind this year when her scheduling time conflicted with two of her classes.

"I did not want to schedule later because I wanted to be sure I got the classes I wanted, so I had to leave one class early and go to another one late despite my professors wishes," Alberts said.

Alberts was further convinced that registering online would be the better alternative after speaking to her boyfriend, Mike Edwards, a freshman at West Liberty University about his registration experience. He bragged that he had registered for his classes online at just after midnight in a little under four minutes.

According to Pierce, moving the registration process online is not on the future agenda for this campus, despite its growing popularity. She said that it is not a financial issue but instead, a matter of having the right technology. In her opinion, the service of personal assistance takes precedence over quickness and convenience.

Campus writing contest concludes

By Ashley Campolongo
Campus writer

After hosting William McDonough, Time Magazine "Hero for the Planet," Perspectives on the Environment Distinguished sSeaker series held a writing contest on campus.

McDonough, a world-renowned architect and designer, inspired students during his lecture on Sept. 14. The three-time presidential award winner discussed his views including the cradle-to-cradle approach with faculty, students and community members. In his most recent book, "Cradle to Cradle," McDonough, along with German chemist Michael Braungart, discussed transformation of human industry through ecologically intelligent design.

Dr. David Swerdlow, professor of English and public relations, is a member of the perspectives on the environment distinguished speakers series committee.

"McDonough is one of the most important architects of our time," Swerdlow said. "We hope to make the campus more actively involved in securing a better environment."

In that spirit, the essays for the contest were concentrated on the actions, heroic or otherwise, that might be taken to protect one or more features of our environment.

"The purpose of the essay was for students to take the topic where they wanted while focusing on some of McDonough's ideas," said Dr. Sharoukh Mistry, professor of biology and member of the series committee.

The essays were not only completed by college students, but high school students as well. The contest, however, is separated on the high school and collegiate level. Students were to complete an essay between 1,200 and 1,800 words and to submit by Nov. 3.

First place will receive $100, a signed copy of McDonough's book and publication in *The Holcad*. Second and third place will also receive a monetary award along with a signed copy of McDonough's book.

Arts & Entertainment

Borat *Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Before anyone should consider seeing Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (which I will refer to as Borat now after), please consider the following statement Borat Sagdiyev (Sacha Baron Cohen) makes:

"Although Kazakhstan a glorious country, it have a problem, too: economic, social and Jew. This why Ministry of Information have decide to send me to U S and A greatest country in a world! To learn a lessons for Kazakhstan."

If you do not understand why the previous statement is hilarious and satirical, you probably will not appreciate or like Borat. If, however, you have the scope beyond a Leming, Borat great success. The premise of the film is simple; Borat Sagdiyev is a celebrated television personality in Kazakhstan, and travels to America with the television producer Azamat (Ken Vavitian) to gain wisdom for their underdeveloped country.

Disclaimer for the gullible people and those who belong to the irritated and humorless government of Kazakhstan: the scenes in "Kazakhstan" were filmed in Romania and are not meant to reflect the real nature of Kazakhstan.

Borat begins his journey in New York City, but after seeing an episode of "Baywatch," decides to travel cross-country to California in order to "make wife" of the "virgin" Pamela Anderson. On his way he encounters an eclectic slew of characters, from frat boys to farmers to feminists. In this mockumentary, it's difficult to tell what all is staged and what is real, but director Larry Charles insists it's all real.

Borat, with his concocted language of Hebrew, Yiddish, and a Russian accent, presents himself and his naïve views, which include anti-Semitism, homophobia, and misogyny among many others. However, he has no intentions of offending anyone; he is just a product of his environment. The film takes the stereotypes evident in "Crash" and skyrockets them to new levels, all in the name of humor. The best part is that Borat's naivety ultimately brings out the true, but disturbing, feelings housed by many of his narrow-minded subjects.

I'm purposely leaving out examples of scenes because I don't want to spoil the fun and humor of the film, but I warn that there is excessive male nudity (it well earns the 'R' rating), and one scene made me almost vomit simultaneously from disgust and hilarity. However, two of my favorite scenes are the "Jew race" and one scene involving a bear, an ice cream truck, and innocent children.

Overall, anyone with a grasp of the world should see Borat and laugh for eighty-four minutes, and thank God laughter can be a cure for how twisted and sad our world can be. I only hope that no misguided soul takes Borat's views for truth (Cohen is really Jewish), but I suppose it would only reinforce Borat's clever revelation. High five!

Rating: A

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Source: Google Images

Sacha Baron Cohen of Ali G. fame plays Borat Sagdiyev in Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan.

Christina Aguilera is "Back to Basics" but is still "Dirrty"

By Liz Suders
Music reviewer

Christina Aguilera hits a high point in her career with the release of "Back to Basics," her third studio album.

Aguilera's new album is an amazing display of her vocal range and diversity. Aguilera broke away from her bad girl, Xtina identity produced by her second studio album "Stripped," with the successful release of her two-disc jazz and blues inspired album.

"This is a concept album that follows a bold vision," explained Aguilera on www.christinaaquilera.com "The touchstones are Billie Holiday, Otis Redding, Etta James and Ella Fitzgerald what I used to call my 'fun music' when I was a little girl."

Aguilera went on to explain her love for jazz and the music of the 20's, 30's and 40's, and especially her love for her musical idol, Etta James.

Taking on a new feat for a pop star, Aguilera broke away from the mold of mindless self-obsessed pop stars and co-wrote every song on the CD, in addition to being the executive producer.

Despite Aguilera's new toned down look, a song on the album appropriately titled "Still Dirrty" claims that, she's only a lady on the outside and she's "still got that dirty degree."

Now don't get too excited, Aguilera might still be "Dirrty," but she is also happily married, to one of her backup dancers (yet another reason to join dance theatre boys, hot girls love boys that can dance.) Aguilera, a Pittsburgh native, was a Mouseketeer and on Star Search.

Aguilera has come a long way since being signed with RCA after recording "Reflection," for a Disney's Mulan. She quickly shed her good girl image with the release of "Genie in a Bottle," and has yet to let the media extinguish her overzealous sexuality.

This album displays a new angle of her always-open sexuality. Keeping with the theme of the jazz genre, Aguilera's new image is much more the likes of a 1940's pinup girl, versus trailer trash Barbie.

Congrats, to Christina for cleaning up her act and putting out an exceptional CD (yeah, I actually bought a CD for once…so you know it has to be good.)

Spike TV to host fourth annual video game awards

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 /PRNewswire/ -- Spike TV presents an action, adventure, fantasy and sports gamer's paradise when mega star Samuel L. Jackson hosts the 4th annual Spike TV 2006 Video Game Awards (VGAs) premiering on Wednesday, December 13 (10:00 PM-Midnight, ET/PT).

Spike TV's 2006 Video Game Awards tapes on Friday, December 8 at the University of Southern California's Galen Center in Los Angeles with the two-hour "games vs. games" extravaganza.

"This year's show will be all about bringing the games alive on screen, huge world premieres and game inspired performances that will blow the roof off of our biggest event yet," says Casey Patterson, Executive Producer VGA's and Senior Vice President, Event Production and Talent Development for Spike TV. "There is nobody cooler than our returning host, gamer god Sam Jackson to lead the virtual madness."

Voting for this year's nominees on www.vga2006.spiketv.com starts today and runs through Thursday, December 7. Also online, fans can log on to view exclusive red carpet and backstage coverage of the event.

The official sponsors of Spike TV's 2006 Video Game Awards are Burger King(R), Mountain Dew, Pontiac, Stride(TM) Gum, U.S. Air Force and Verizon Wireless.

The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion from Bethesda Softworks tops this year's VGA nominations with ten including "Game of the Year," "Most Addictive," and "Best Performance by a Human - Male" for actor Patrick Stewart as well as "Studio of the Year" for Bethesda Softworks and designer Todd Howard. Company of Heroes (THQ) and Gears of War (Microsoft) each have six nominations. All categories and nominees are listed below.

Nominees of Spike TV's 2006 Video Game Awards were determined by the VGA Advisory Council, made up of a group of gaming industry experts. Winners will be determined by votes from the Video Game Industry Voting Council and consumer voting. The winner in the "Most Addictive Game" category will solely be determined by viewer voting.

Spike TV's 2006 Video Game Awards pays tribute to the outstanding achievements of games, designers, animation, breakthrough technology, music and performances of the past year in the world of video games. The awards also provide a glimpse at the future of gaming -- including exclusive sneak peeks and world premiere footage of some of the hottest and most anticipated games of 2007 and beyond.

Following are the nominees for Spike TV's 2006 Video Game Awards:

GAME OF THE YEAR

The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion (Bethesda Softworks)

Okami (Capcom/Clover Studio)

Gears of War (Microsoft/Epic Games)

Guitar Hero 2 (Red Octane/Harmonix)

Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter (Ubisoft)

CRITIC'S CHOICE

(game to be released after 11/15/2006 & before 12/31/2006)

The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess (Nintendo/Nintendo EAD)

Resistance: Fall of Man (Sony Computer Entertainment America/Insomniac

Games)

Medieval II: Total War (Sega/Creative Assembly)

Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Vegas (Ubisoft Montreal)

Wii Sports (Nintendo)

BEST PC GAME

Company of Heroes (THQ/Relic)

Half-Life 2: Episode 1 (Valve)

Battlefield 2142 (Electronic Arts/Digital Illusions CE)

Star Wars: Empire at War (LucasArts/Petroglyph)

The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion (Bethesda Softworks)

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Calendar

November 10, 2006

Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi Book Drive (all November) – Donation Boxes in Various Locations

Admissions Office Hosts Group Overnight

VETERANS' DAY (Observed)

Pennsylvania District V Honors Chorus Rehearsals – Orr Auditorium

3:00 PM Women's Volleyball at Rutgers-Neward (ECAC Southern Quarterfinal at New Jersey City)

4:15 PM Academic Standards Committee Meetings – Thompson-Clark 206

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Guys and Dolls – Beeghly Theater

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Invincible

10:00 PM Titan's Tavern – JD Eicher and 1959 – MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: World Trade Center

November 11, 2006

Men's and Women's Cross Country at Waynesburg (NCAA Regionals)

Cross Country at NCAA Regional at Waynesburg

PMEA District 5 Honors Chorus CAMPUS VISITATION DAY

11:00 AM Westminster Hosts Women's Soccer Semi-Finals

1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming at Allegheny

1:30 PM Westminster Hosts Women's Soccer Semi-Finals

1:30 PM Football vs. Waynesburg (H) – Burry Stadium

2:00 PM Pennsylvania District V Honors Chorus Concert – Orr Auditorium

2:00 PM - 1:00 AM Alpha Phi Omega's DDR – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Guys and Dolls – Beeghly Theater

8:00 PM CPC Presents Lee Camp, comedian – MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: World Trade Center

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (2 Vans) – Meet at MCC Entrance

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Invincible

November 12, 2006

1:30 PM Westminster Hosts Women's Soccer Semi-Finals

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Guys and Dolls – Beeghly Theater

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Invincible

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: World Trade Center

November 13, 2006

Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi Book Drive (all November) – Donation Boxes in Various Locations

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM Math Colloquium: David Perkins, Mathematics Professor at Houghton College: "Searching the Ocean with Bayes" – Hoyt 152

7:00 PM Geek Week Biology Competitions – Hoyt Science Center Lobby

7:30 PM Piano Showcase Recital – Orr Auditorium

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

November 14, 2006

Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi Book Drive (all November) – Donation Boxes in Various Locations

9:00 AM Seminar: "The New Day in Presbyterian Mission and What it Means for Your Congregation" – Rev. Donald Dawson and Rev. David Dawson (Reservations due by 11/7 in Chaplain's Office) – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Geek Week Physics Competitions – Hoyt Science Center Lobby

7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: Turtles Can Fly, 2004, Iran – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Faculty Cello Recital: Qing Yang – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:30 PM ALLIES Meeting – Thompson-Clark 315

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

November 15, 2006

Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi Book Drive (all November) – Donation Boxes in Various Locations

11:30 AM Guest Speaker from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine – Hoyt 369

11:45 AM Faculty Forum: Natacha Fontes-Merz, "Project NEXT (New Experiences in Teaching: A Mathematical Professional Development Workshop" – MCC Mueller Theater

6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming at Washington and Jefferson

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Broadcast Communications Capstone Presentations – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Geek Week Chemistry Competitions – Hoyt Science Center Lobby

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM SAA: Networking 101 – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

8:00 PM Black Student Union Meeting – MCC 255

Sudoku!

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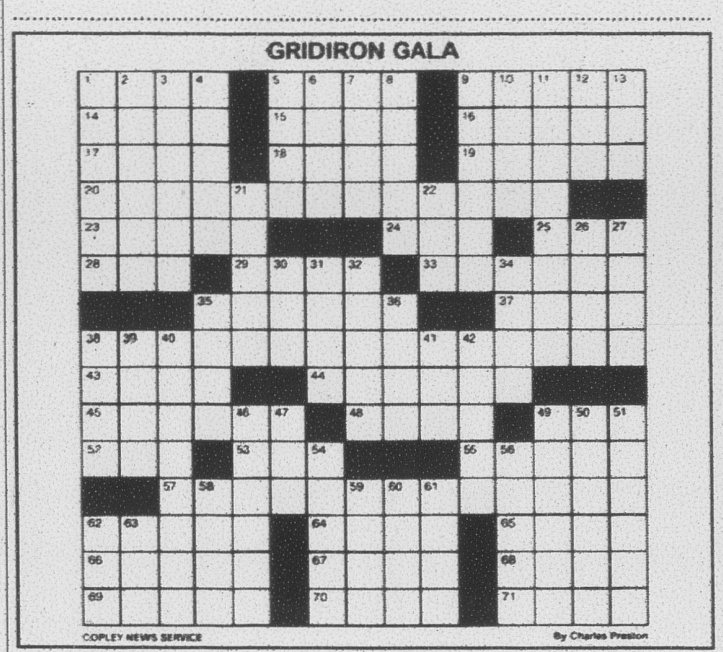

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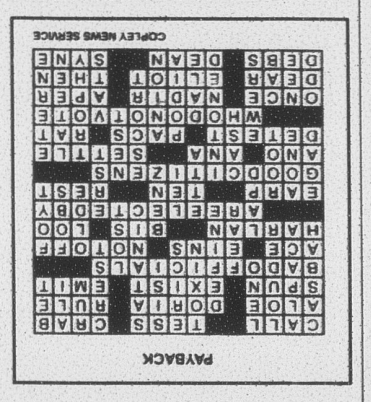

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Avoid debates or arguments that will create havoc in your personal relationships. Maintain a positive attitude and strive to see both sides of a situation.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): There are many different ways that you can transform your income. Explore new and exciting avenues for putting your money to work for you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Discipline is your key word this week. Make every effort to be diligent and focused in productive activities or work-related endeavors.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): This would be a great time to initiate a new diet or exercise program. Be prepared to dedicate your time and energy for the long haul.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Social interactions are positively charged and promise merriment. Get together with loved ones and friends and have fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Nurture, protect and support those who are nearest and dearest to you. Plant the emotional seeds that you would like to see take root and grow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You are exposed to many new and different ideas, philosophies or concepts this week. Keep an open mind and absorb as much as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): In some ways your discretionary funds or buying power may fall short. Look for the most promising opportunities to increase your income.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Embrace a chance to start over or to right a terrible wrong. Learn from prior mistakes, utilize the lessons and let go of the pain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): There is a lot of action behind the scenes this week. Do what you can to support an important project without seeking reward or expecting recognition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Friends are likely to challenge you to grow or push you to go in a different direction. Welcome their input, but do not be intimidated into going along.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Expansion in your career or business is indicated. Plan as much as possible and use logic and practical guidelines to ensure your success.

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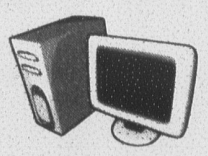

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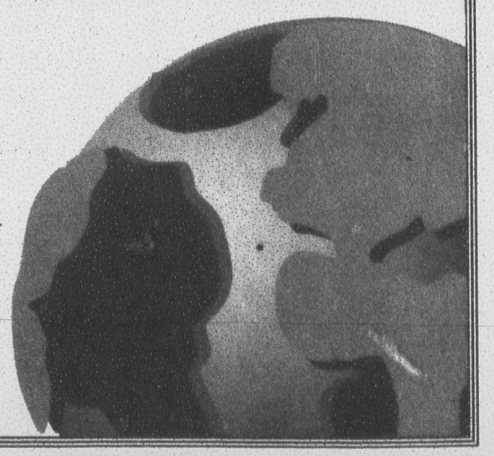

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Interested parties should contact holcad@westminster.edu or talk to Colin Dean, editor-in-chief.

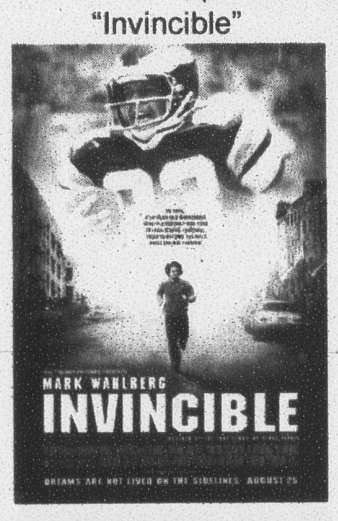
MCKELVEY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
JD Eicher & 1959
9:00 PM Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Comic Lee Camp
8:00 PM Berlin Lounge

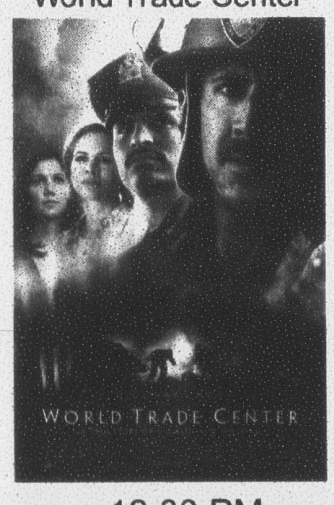
Night Owl Bowling
10:00 PM Meet in front of MCC
$2 WC Student; others pay at lanes

"Invincible"



Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"World Trade Center"



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10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00 PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room
November 13th Tampa Bay at Carolina
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Features

BAM! Dining services kick it up a notch

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

A lot of people might confuse me with a generally angry person. That's really not the case; I'm actually very humorous.

You've just never run into me during layout to know it.

Sorry, folks.

I had lunch in McGinness around 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday because neither my roommate nor I could stand the line in the TUB. She picked up a bagel and a cup of soup there; the lines for everything else (subs, baked potato, grill), were simply too long.

She never knows where I am (OK, sometimes does not know where I am) so she figured the TUB was her best bet. You're a real pariah if you eat alone in a sit-down setting, after all. I finally know what I am good for.

We decided to go to lunch and I actually considered dining off-campus as. I am so burned out on what I can find here.

However, I am glad we didn't. It was only a walk across the quad instead of a drive, and it did not require any of my limited actual money, only my meal plan.

Oh, and it was great.

That's right; I'm not mad about it.

I checked out the Entrees; most meats do not agree with me, so I decided to forego the Brazilian pork in favor of scalloped potatoes and curried rice and lentils.

McGinness' newest head, Chef Kifolo, actually stood out in the view of the students. I spoke with him briefly, apparently misunderstood his last question, but the point was that he was accessible if I would have wanted to ask him something about the food or upcoming menu.

This man is quite possibly the best thing to happen to our dining services.

Moving on to the salad bar, I actually found strawberries, though a bit out of season, and actual greens instead of iceberg lettuce I can only describe as "white."

If you actually attempt to eat healthy, fresh foods more than occasionally, you know what I mean; if not, the best I can offer you is the visualization of water in solid form (but not ice) and a green tinge to its surface. That's how I feel about iceberg lettuce.

Sitting down to eat, my roommate having gotten a serving of chicken rio with steamed brown rice, we were both shocked. Our entire meals were not only edible, but good.

I suddenly found myself wishing I had more time to sit down and have lunch in the dining hall instead of grabbing literally two-thirds of everything I consume to be eaten while walking or at a meeting or other place I have to be from the TUB, the remainder being ramen, macaroni and cheese, delivery pizza or from a local restaurant.

During my freshman year, no new dining hall renovations occurred and no new townhouses were built -- there weren't even discussions of these types of upgrades. We had what we had, and there wasn't much to look forward to.

However, the recent remodeling in the dining hall has increased student interest in its offerings, something I appreciate more strongly after learning its express purpose is to provide a pleasant environment for students and is safeguarded against high school camps during the summer months.

In addition, following the appearance of our new chef in McGinnis, I'm pleased to note that the lunch offerings in the dining hall have improved considerably, unfortunately keeping student teachers and students with internships from the best meals it offers.

I am still not entirely happy about what I have found in the event I am actually able to go to brunch on the weekends - wishing tater tots and French toast sticks might be baked and not fried, but I will just have to content myself with a swell lunch, a dinner that leaves something to be desired considering it occasionally resembles something served during lunch, and a bowl of cereal in my room when time permits on the weekend, instead.

You (and I) can't have everything, after all.

Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor who is ready to hibernate because Thanksgiving just isn't getting here fast enough.

Is it just me? Does overweight now mean underqualified?

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

Is it just me, or is it absurd to think that because people are overweight they are less likely to get a job?

While browsing through the web I came across a piece that said, "Can Fat People Get Jobs?"

"What kind of question is that?" I thought. Those of you who read this column weekly know that stories like this one really get my blood flowing. I wanted to know why this was an apparent problem that was really going on in America.

The piece went on to say that just like the clothes you wear to an interview are important, the size of the person in those clothes is equally as important. The young man who had written the piece was having a hard time finding a job outside of working behind a computer.

He could not understand why because he was clearly qualified, having a four-year degree from a good university. It was not long before his own mother told him that "If you're too fat, you can't possibly get employed."

I must admit that while reading this, I became very sad. People have become so wrapped up in outward appearance that they would take a chance of getting a good employee over a great one all on the basis of size.

Some say it is because of health risks. If you are overweight, you are more likely to be a health hazard to the company, which could mean more money out of their pockets.

I think this is ridiculous. In my opinion, people have gotten obsessed with Hollywood's standards of beauty. Everywhere you turn there are pictures, magazines and commercials showing seemingly flawless people with perfect bodies.

Nowadays, it is not uncommon to hear middle school aged girls talking about diets and how thin they "need" to be. The numbers of teenagers who have had eating disorders is outrageous. Could it be that according to America's standards, success is thin, so if you are not thin then it is virtually impossible to be successful?

We are considered the most overweight country in the world, which could lead to many other topics, so what should we do? I think that it is true that people should at least try to remain healthy, but not solely for the sake of a job.

Some compare t' ese injustices to racial discrimination. If a minority is qualified for a job, but does not receive it on accounts of race, then that person has the right to take legal action.

There are rights protecting people who feel that they have been discriminated against in the workplace because of race, age, sex, religion, political opinion, sexual preference and even social origin, but there is nothing protecting those who feel they are not getting jobs because they are overweight.

Does overweight mean that they are less qualified? If not, then this trend of denial is ludicrous. But even as crazy as I truly believe it is, it does happen.

The crazy thing to me is that in ancient days, people who were overweight were envied by others. They were the wealthiest people and in most cases the most romantically sought after.

It is funny how the tables have turned; now the wealthy people buy hours and hours of personal training to achieve these picture perfect bodies that some are trying to achieve on a minimum wage budget. Some even spend thousands of dollars on expensive surgeries trying to achieve flawlessness, which more than likely will never happen.

Meanwhile, you have fifth-graders thinking that these celebrities were born like that, so they spend their teenage years trying to duplicate the girls that grace the cover of Seventeen magazines. Little do they know, those pictures probably having more airbrushing than a nail salon.

A recent study shows that the percentage of overweight people in America is now higher than the percentage of hungry people. Does this mean that there are going to be more people who are unemployed in the future of America? We pretend that the outward appearance does not matter in this country,. but it is obvious that it does.

I think that people need to start seeing actors and actresses who are overweight getting good roles instead of just the "fat friend" or the "overlooked, overeating geek."

If children do not see people in high positions with the average body, then we are going to see this obsession with outward appearance spiral so far out of control that it is going to leave some of the nation's potential "greats" behind.

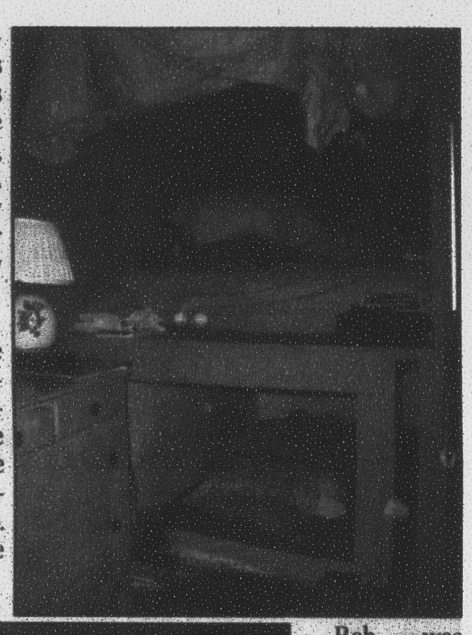
The fact that many see overweight people as a laughing stock makes me sick, and this idea of overweight people not being able to get good jobs in this country is preposterous, but hey, it could just be me.

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

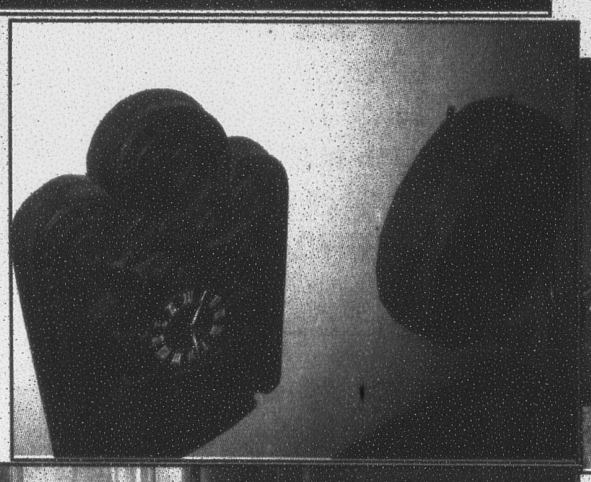
WC Cribs

This week, Features Editor Jenn Corkadel journeys to Theta Chi to check out Bob Long's digs

Chip Hothem offered his and Bob's room up as a Cribs feature, then said he wouldn't be available, so that's nice of him. The guys don't know who titled the door this semester, but they don't really mind.

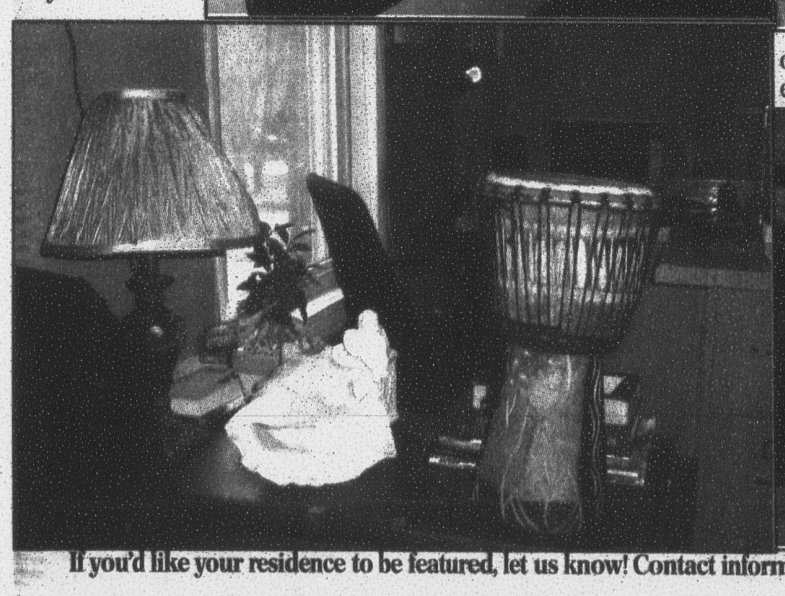


They don't care about their beds being bunked, either – and I appreciate the realism present in the room and consequently, this photo. Hey, you don't make your bed either.



This clock catches the eye, considering its location. That's not a real tap over the bar, so security can rest easy.

Bob was kind enough to make me some popcorn while I invaded his privacy.. Not a bad guy, eh?



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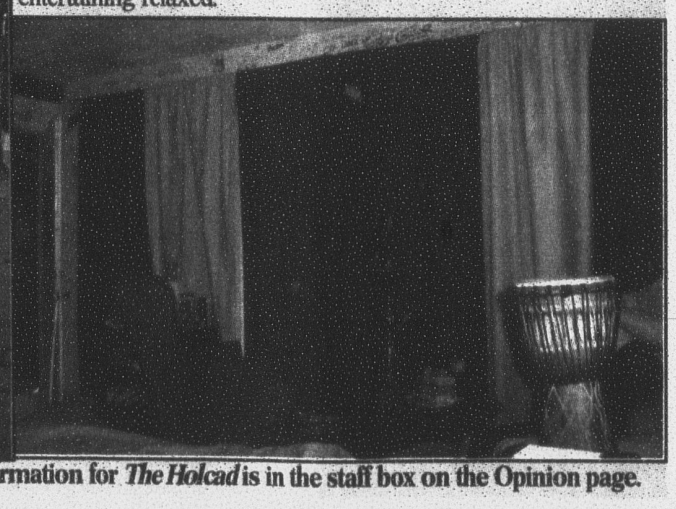

At first I was wary of showing the hookah. but they're apparently legit. The curtains close his closet off when the house is busy and the extra seating keeps impromptu entertaining relaxed.

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Former New Castle mayor-elect socialist

Stance on labor earns immigrant, mill worker support; first socialist mayor in PA

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"What well-appointed leader fronts us here?" King Henry IV, Part 2 (4.1.27).

As candidates currently jockey for political votes from local citizens, we can–as local citizens–take time to remember a local Mayoral election nearly a century ago.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, New Castle's existing newspaper, The Free Press, announced that Walter V. Tyler had won New Castle's election for mayor, becoming Pennsylvania's first Socialist Mayor.

Between the years 1890 and 1920 New Castle grew as one of the fastest developing cities in the United States, almost rivaling Pittsburgh as a metropolitan titan at the city's zenith. New Castle secured its position as the world capital for the tinplate industry as it manufactured 60% of the world's tinplate.

A large influx of immigrant workers came to New Castle to satisfy grow demands for labor, and trying working conditions lead many concerned town-citizens to look toward Socialism as a political guardian from the grueling conditions produced under a capitalist system.

One journalist from The Free Press explained the national pandemonium that erupted from the unprecedented electoral win.

One contemporary journalist, Fred W. Harwood, explained that in New York, "Everyone here is talking about the victory at New Castle."

"Victorious enthusiasm could not be repressed among the younger element of the Socialist party, and as a result they hastily organized a parade for…Saturday evening," explained another article in The Free Press.

Elected officials followed Mayor-elect Tyler as he marched at the front of the parade beside State Organizers John R. McKeown and Jack Britt Gearity. The new victors were sequentially followed by Socialist children, Socialist women, a Drum Corps, and local organizations who only heard of the parade at the last minute.

No numbers exist to determine the parade's scale, but one reporter explained that "it took two hours for the head of the procession to reach its starting point on the Diamond."

Walter V. Tyler only held one term as mayor. Local historian Bob Presnar believes that Tyler's ascension to office came in reaction to enraged and at times violent steel strikes in 1909 that plagued New Castle. The tinplate workers, upset with working and living conditions, comprised a large enough electoral majority to elect someone that could represent their needs.

New Castle continued a socialist stronghold, publishing communist newspapers–like The Free Press–and attracting socialist, presidential hopeful Eugene V. Debs.

Contributed Photo

New Castle's former Socialist Mayor, Walter V. Tyler

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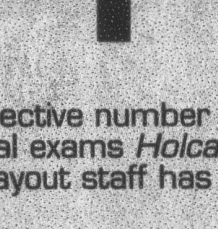

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Surveys let residents' voices be heard

Input of students will influence further decisions on on-campus housing

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Major changes to campus residence halls are on the horizon for Westminster, and students have been asked to help decide the specifics of these improvements by completing facilities surveys.

Although many upperclassmen might remember completing surveys in the years past, these surveys are new and are being used to help determine what major renovations will be made to residence halls in 2008. Under the direction of Owen Wagner, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Gina Vance, helped to create the survey to ensure that students will have a say in what work is done.

"The input of students is important in helping us do this well. I truly appreciate the feedback students are giving in that many of the students who are contributing may never see the work completed," Vance said in an email.

Students have also been asked to participate in focus groups that will allow them voice their concerns directly to Vance.

The surveys were generally similar for each building. Students were asked to evaluate their satisfaction with their current resident hall or room by selecting D (dissatisfied) or S (satisfied) for a number of concerns such as the bathroom, laundry facilities, and heating system. The survey also asks students to determine the importance of potential renovations, such as the addition of air conditioning, replacement of flooring and the removal of built-in furniture.

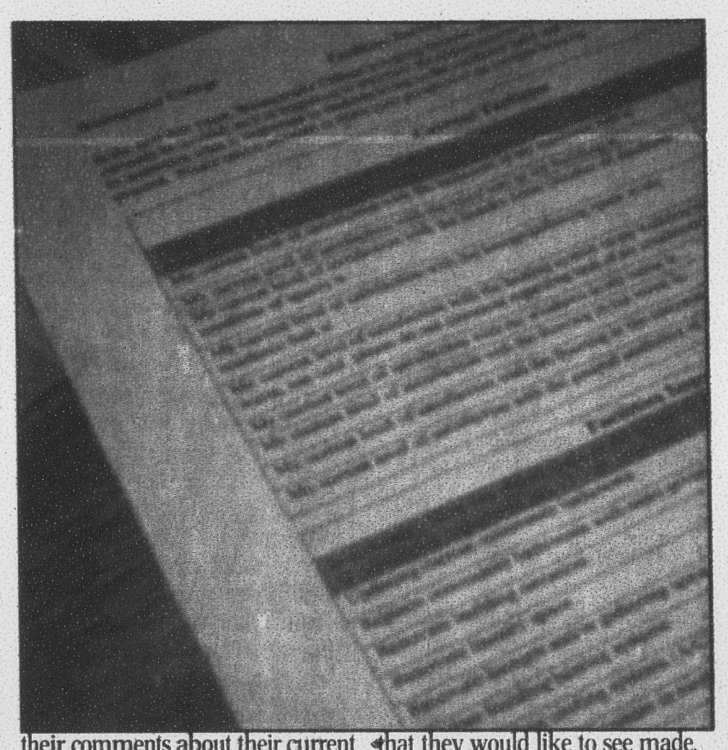
Once the surveys are collected, Gina Vance and Beth Brooks will work to compile the data into a spreadsheet. From there, trends in the data will be used to create focus group questions.

After the focus group, Vance says she will produce "a brief report using information from the surveys and focus groups and sharing that report with the students in the building as well as the residence hall improvement committee. This committee is also touring each residence hall with a representative from the focus group."

It's not mandatory for residents to complete the surveys, but many building have held hall meetings to boost participation. Students were able to volunteer for focus groups by providing their name and contact information at the bottom of their survey.

"When I can read the handwriting, I've invited those individuals to attend the focus group. In some buildings, I've simply sent an email to the residents inviting them to attend," Vance said.

This past week, focus groups were held in Galbreath, Ferguson, and Eichenauer. Both the focus groups and the surveys are a great opportunity for students to voice their comments about their current living conditions, and the changes that they would like to see made.



BSU gives a Merry Christmas to those in need

Photo by Amanda Miller

Members of the Black Student Union are reaching out to the community by raising money for less fortunate children through the Fresh Oil Community Center in Youngstown. The BSU will continue taking donations in the TUB until Dec. 8.

By Andrew Kubincanek
Campus writer

The Black Student Union is striving to ensure that the less fortunate have a merry Christmas thanks to the Adopt-A-Youth program.

This year, the program was spearheaded by BSU secretary Joselyn Parker whose parents own the Fresh Oil Community Center in Youngstown. The center gives shelter to families in financial distress. Parker and other members of BSU had been to the center on occasion and worked with the staff to gather Christmas lists from the children.

"Because we couldn't adopt all of their families, we decided to go through the community center and at least be able to help the children there, BSU President Akesha Joseph said.

According to Joseph, the goal was to raise money on campus so BSU members could do the shopping. Initially, Joseph hoped to earn enough to buy at least one or two items for each child.

"But the response we got from the campus was amazing," Joseph said. "Not only are we continuously receiving funds, faculty and students have actually adopted a particular child for the holiday and are getting them everything that they want on their list."

BSU will continue taking donations in the TUB until Dec. 8. Wish lists are available there for personalization. Donations may also be placed in Joseph's mailbox, number 789. Students have also chosen to help in other ways.

The girl's basketball team is sponsoring dinner and games for the children on Sunday Dec. 3. The girls of Galbreath Hall are currently holding a contest to see which floor can raise the most money.

Members of BSU will be delivering the gifts to the center over Christmas break. According to Joseph, BSU hopes to carry on the project in the future.

The program started last year on a smaller scale when BSU sought out families in need of assistance and raising money to help them through the Christmas season.

"Last year we found a family in Youngstown," Joseph said. "The mother was a single parent of seven children."

Pizza Joe's robbed at gunpoint

Robber's identity yet to be established

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Pizza Joes was robbed at gunpoint on Wednesday, Nov. 15. The robber's identity has yet to be confirmed, and the store has added a security system since the incident.

By Joey Knott
Campus writer

Police and employees have yet to verify the identity of the man who robbed Pizza Joe's at gunpoint two weeks ago.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, shortly after 9 p.m., a man dressed in a black hat, jacket, and sunglasses walked into Pizza Joe's wielding a silver automatic handgun and demanded the money from the three employees on shift. The man then left with an undisclosed amount of cash and exited out the back door.

There were no customers in the store at the time of the robbery and no one else entered the building until after the thief left. Police have called in a suspect for investigation but have since released the suspect until further questioning.

Heather Pate, who was on duty with two other employees the night of the robbery, was called in by police to help identify the possible suspect. Pate, however, was unsure whether or not the man she saw the night of the robbery matched up with the suspect brought in by police. Pate says she remembers the robber was shorter than the suspect brought in by police.

According to information given by police to Titan Radio, the robber was a white man of medium height, weight, and build in his mid to late 20s.

Since the robbery, Pizza Joe's has added a $3100 security system to the store that includes six security cameras located inside and outside the shop.

Campus security has also been notified of the robbery and has been keeping a close eye on the shop since the incident along with the New Wilmington Police Department.

Employees are also on high alert and are cutting no corners with precautions. According to Pate, security has been "pretty tight" since the robbery.

This is the first time the Pizza Joe's on Market Street has been robbed in the six years it has been in business.

Student receives Sharon Steel scholarship

By Melissa Murphy
Campus writer

Shannon Bobbert is the most recent recipient of the Sharon Steel Scholarship, a scholarship awarded to one first-year student based on merit, financial need and leadership potential.

The $5,000 scholarship is renewable for four years.

"It was incredibly generous of them; I think all college students know how scary college can seem when you think about how much it can cost to go," Bobbert said. "I'm really grateful to everyone at Sharon Steel; they really made my college experience less stressful as far as finances go."

Each year a student is selected by the board of trustees for the scholarship, with suggestions from the director of financial aid Cheryl Gerber. The student must live in Mercer County and must have at least a 3.5 grade point average for the past two years to be eligible to receive the award. The scholarship money is provided by a trust started by the Sharon Steel Corporation; this corporation no longer exists.

"A Westminster student is selected each year from about five or six eligible students," said Gloria Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement.

The Sharon Steel foundation awards the scholarship as well as gives gifts to the United Way and other local charities.

"I think it's great to see local foundations giving back to the community," junior Jenna Diorio said. "I know that students are always looking for financial aid, and it's great to see that the Sharon Steel Foundation cares about students."

Past winners include sophomore J.P. Scanga and junior Heather Lorigan. The scholarship is an independent charitable trust started in 1997. This is the 10th year that the scholarship has been awarded to a Westminster student.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Why are the doors from McKelvey to Thompson-Clark always locked on Wednesday nights? We have class!

Here I am, rock you like a hurricane

It has to start somewhere.

It has to start sometime.

What better place than here?

What better time than now?

My reality is no longer moot.

That's why this area is called "Moraine," dummy. "More rain!"

Farewell, Feed Mill.

I'm paying homage to the great banana.

What was that about?

He winked, oh sweet Lord, he winked!

Either one could crush you.

Wiipetitive stress injuries!

I can see a whole new age of stupid English jokes coming from this zany situation.

Be true to your heart.

Thank you, Captain Obvious, for that stunning report.

No, thank you, Commander Oblivious, for not knowing what's going on.

You used to be somebody who meant something to me.

Gaius, what have you done?

We are still badly in need of a more diverse supply of Rant & Raves.

8 simple rules for beating your face!

I can't believe that man used "Shakespeare" and "pwned" in the same sentence.

Look at that. He's created a monkey.

How's your Thursday? I don't think it's dumpy enough.

twitch* *twitch

Perl will be the death of me.

All things come in due time.

I won't stand in silence.

It's too bad we're so divided.

I've got your hidden track.

Participling for nouns!

Does anyone remember Snot's Army?

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Responsibility for wise elections rests on all

Colin Dean
Editor-in-chief

The close of the semester is not far off, and it's that wonderful time of year when many organizations are deciding who will lead next year.

It's important that you consider deeply the people running for offices in organizations in which you are involved. Think little of the person's social likability–are they well-liked?–but rather, and more importantly, their passion.

I have a passion for journalism. This passion drove me to become editor-in-chief after spending a year as a layout editor. This passion is what keeps me–and The Holcad–alive and sane, just as the same passion drove the previous editors: I'm no different from them in this regard.

Remember the passion of your peers. Don't elect someone just because they are a pretty face or the penultimate poster-child of the organization. Elect the people who are passionate; the people who would do anything for the organization; the people who have the wherewithal and impetus to lead.

Consider these, as well: is this person going to be able to get the job done? Is this person going to ask for help when they need it? Is this person going to recognize when they're wrong, and admit it? Is this person going to work well with others and be able to efficiently delegate jobs?

All too often do people who shouldn't be in a position end up in one simply because of their popularity.

Don't get me wrong–I bear no spite toward my popular brethren simply because of their sociability, but because their efforts, their acumen, their sense of duty and responsibly were or are simply inadequate for their position. That's my opinion, at least.

If you are running for an office, introspect a moment and consider why you're running for an office. Are you running just because it would look good on a resume? Are you running because you want to be noticed? Are you running because someone else in your family–real or collegiate–held the position? Or are you running because you believe you have the passion and abilities necessary to lead the organization, and lead it effectively?

If you lost an election, remember that there are other ways to help. Don't quit the organization just because you didn't get your way or that you felt you deserved the job more than the person who got it. Maybe your efforts can be directed elsewhere: perhaps to another position within the organization or to another organization altogether. Find your passion and follow it.

However, if you remain involved (and you should!), don't consistently pick up the winner's slack. It's alright to help out if they're in a jam, but if that jam keeps coming, you've got to back away before things get sticky. When things get sticky, it's not long before someone comes with a washcloth to clean up the mess.

As I said in my Nov. 17 column, that winner has a moral responsibility to ask for help if they need it. The members of the organization also have a moral responsibility: they must make sure that the winner is doing the job adequately, and bring to the attention of the their peers questions of the winner's ability to do so.

Choose your leaders carefully, then. Ensure that they are leading for the right reasons and that you elected them for the right reasons. Do this, and your organization will flourish.

Colin is a senior computer science major with a penchant for journalism. He's won some and he's lost some, just like everybody else.

Children, six-inch voices, please

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

A quick question for the campus community: why do you people insist on being so loud? Have we lost all of the lessons we learned in kindergarten about six-inch voices? Is it absolutely necessary to shout greetings across the quad? Are your vocabularies so stunted that you cannot express yourself without vulgarities?

Sometimes I wonder if it is a phenomenon that exists purely in Eichenauer, but then I spend five or ten minutes in the campus center. It seems that everyone on campus must be as loud as possible as often as possible. Especially when one's Neanderthal friends find four-letter words amusing.

Be quiet. There is absolutely no reason for yelling in day to day life, and all of the cursing is a bit juvenile, to say the least. Not only does it make you look like an imbecile, it is also really ignorant to those who are trying to study. You know, that thing you're supposed to do in college?

Now that I've cleared up that issue, on to the real problem at hand: my meal plan is empty. I guess 15 dollars of food a day was a bit on the gluttonous side…

I doubt that I'm the only poor soul out there with no money left. I wish that there were something we could do to solve this problem, but I fear that it has all been done before. Makes me miss the good old days of having "meals" instead of "money".

Not long ago, one purchased a meal plan that had a set number of meals for the semester. These meals were usable at both the cafeteria and the TUB. The cafeteria, much like today, was all you can eat. The TUB had combos which served as a meal, much like McDonald's or Wendy's.

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Somewhere along the line, someone decided that this method was flawed, and decided that people would be happier having a less arbitrary system. Thus, the dine dollars were born. Or something to that effect, the details aren't too important to my point.

I like eating, and I try to do it every day. I am fairly certain that I'm not alone in this habit. Before the renovations were made on the cafeteria, Sodexho was concerned with the sharp decline in its use. The Orchard Street Café was overwhelmed with students at mealtimes, seemingly more than it could handle. Did anyone consider a change to the old meal plan structure?

Seriously, I ate like a pig freshman year, and never ran out of meals. I typically had a surplus at the end of the semester, which I would be unable to fully utilize. Nowadays, it seems like I run out of money a month before the end of the semester.

Sure, there are plenty of people out there with hundreds upon hundreds of dollars left. They will likely buy large amounts of soda during finals week, simply because there's no other way to burn the excess money.

For the rest of us, the month of December will be slimming, to say the least. We need a larger meal plan option. And a smaller one. And cheaper food. Or perhaps a better way of doing things. Let's get rid of the dining services fee while we're at it.

Bill is a senior computer information systems major. He enjoys tea, ska and cheesy science fiction. He lost forty pounds back in 'Nam thanks to running out of money, too.

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Out-of-class activities vital to well-rounded education

By David Heller
The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. – UW-Madison Chancellor John Wiley's recent announcement he might submit a proposal to make out-of-class activities mandatory for students has a good base and should be pursued. Having some experience that is not part of the standard track of an undergraduate education is beneficial for students for several reasons, the least of which is Wiley's suggestion that groups look good on a resume.

Currently, students can graduate without having any impact on the community around them. Upon leaving the university, students should be able to tell themselves they did something they otherwise would not have done had they not attended UW-Madison; and I do not mean a three-story beer bong (although a beer bong club could happen).

Students should be able to meet people that they would not have otherwise met and/or have experiences that they would not otherwise have had. There is no doubt that some incoming freshmen have anxiety about joining groups when they first arrive. Mandating extracurricular activities for incoming students can only help acclimate them to the school, as well as encourage civic engagement.

This also helps the groups in the university since more students would be actively trying to find an appropriate group. The benefit of this plan greatly outweighs the detriment.

The main complaint against mandatory activities that some do not have enough time to join a group in addition to the daily grind is not valid. The requirement to be in a group, club or any kind of out-of-class activity is only as intrusive as the student wants: Different groups have different time constraints. To say some students cannot spare one night a month towards some extracurricular activity is nonsense.

Sure, there are kinks that need to be worked out in the grand scheme of things. There are people who need to work in order to pay their way through college, and they should be exempt from such a policy. But if some students are vehemently opposed or have any other valid reason to not participate in a group, they could send in an appeal for exemption.

Participating in out-of-school activities is hardly painful, and providing the opportunity to appeal out of the process at least forces students to be active in either joining or not joining a group. Students are capable of leading their own lives, but the university has the right to make sure that the students who are not in extracurricular activities actively do not want to be in one.

Wiley explained in his speech that his plan would help pad resumes if nothing else, which is not the proper approach. There are plenty of groups that would look meaningless on a resume, but would still be worthwhile.

If the plan is to have substance, then there should not be the suggestion that the group is supposed to be resume-worthy. Students should not feel pressure to join an academically oriented group just because joining another would seem wasteful on a resume.

Furthermore, students can easily reject any plan with broad ramifications put forward by the administration. When the status quo of student life seems to be generally accepted, having students accept a change is difficult. This, however, is the plight of the administration.

Any administrative action comes under close scrutiny, which is appropriate except that the opponents are often much more outspoken than the proponents. Students will protest this plan if it is implemented, and they have every right to do so, but there is also the group of students that are not passionate enough to support one way or another. This is the group the university targets in this plan.

Those students should decide whether they want to participate in the programs that the university has to offer or not. Then the chancellor could rest assured that there are not students sitting at home who just need a little push to be active in extracurricular activities, but are not motivated enough on their own to pursue such opportunities.

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

PA man awarded $1 after arrest

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) - A man serving life without parole for stabbing his neighbor more than 80 times with a samurai sword and setting the victim's clothes on fire was awarded $1 by a federal jury that ruled five of the officers arresting him used excessive force.

Sonny Thomas, 50, had sought $35 million in damages. He acknowledged that the was high on crack cocaine at the time of his arrest but said he was trying to oblige police and surrender peacefully, yet was attacked. He testified that he suffers recurring migraine headaches as a result.

John Gonzalez, a lawyer for the officers, argued that the officers did everything within department guidelines. He said he filed two motions with the federal judge in Philadelphia seeking to dismiss the decision based on lack of evidence and he expected the judge to rule within a week.

Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan said Tuesday night that the officers' actions were "truly heroic" and said he was confident the verdict would be reversed.

"Imagine the scene. They walk into a room with a burning body that has a samurai sword sticking out of it. They holster their weapons and apprehend the suspect with their hands. I don't know too many people who would act with that restraint," Callahan said.

But Kristina Evans, one of three attorneys from Dechert LLP in Philadelphia representing Thomas, questioned why it took 10 officers to restrain a 5-foot-6, 160-pound man.

"Five officers held him while five hit him," Evans said.

The jury found that officers Matthew Crenko, Matthew Lazur, David Strawn, William Kissner and Louis Csaszar used excessive force. The jury found that the other five officers named in the suit did not use excessive force. They are Jeremy Alleshouse, John Iatarola, Mark DiLuzio, Moses Miller and Ronald Brazinski.

NATIONAL

UCLA student stunned

Officers use tasers after student refuses to use ID

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The University of California Los Angeles, where an investigation into the use of a Taser gun against a student is under way, appears to be the only UC campus that allows officers to stun noncombative suspects as well as those putting up a fight.

Police at six of the 10 UC campuses carry Taser guns. Most are restricted to only using the guns against violent suspects, according to interviews with top UC law enforcement officials.

UCLA's police rules, however, allow officers to use Tasers on passive resisters as "a pain compliance technique," Assistant Chief Jeff Young said last week.

Officers can use the weapons after considering the potential injury to police and to the suspect, as well as the level of the suspect's resistance and the need for prompt resolution, he said.

Taser use was put into the spotlight after UCLA senior Mostafa Tabatabainejad, 23, was repeatedly stunned Nov. 14 when he refused to show his student ID to officers doing a late night check at Powell Library, according to authorities. Tabatabainejad said through his lawyer he didn't want to produce his ID because he thought he was being singled out because of his Middle Eastern appearance.

Video footage of the incident posted on the Internet showed Tabatabainejad screaming and writhing on the computer lab floor. The stun guns are made by Scottsdale-based Taser International.

Taser spokesman Steve Tuttle declined to comment specifically on the UCLA incident, citing the ongoing investigation.

In an e-mail statement, Tuttle said it's the responsibility of individual agencies to set their own policies on when to use Tasers.

"Law enforcement officers on scene are best able, highly trained and equipped to determine the proper use of force required based on the totality of circumstances in response to any given situation," Tuttle wrote.

In a product warning posted on its Web site, Taser advises police officers to use the devices with discretion.

"Extended or repeated Taser device exposures should be avoided where practical," it reads. "It is advisable to use expedient physical restraint in conjunction with the Taser device to minimize the overall duration of stress, exertion and potential breathing impairment, particularly on individuals exhibiting symptoms of excited delirium and/or exhaustion."

In interviews with the Los Angeles Times, police officials at UC San Diego, Riverside, Irvine and Merced said officers only use the weapons against suspects who pose a physical risk. They did not comment specifically on the UCLA incident.

"It can only be used when it appears reasonable under the circumstances to restrain or arrest a violent or threatening suspect," said UC Riverside Police Chief Michael Lane.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Police Say House Explosion Was A Suicide Attempt

New Castle Police say their investigation into a house explosion is now a case of arson because a gas leak that caused it was intentionally set. State Police fire marshals spent Tuesday morning digging through the rubble at the scene of Monday's house explosion on New Castle's East Side. According to New Castle Police Chief Tom Sansone investigators say the gas line inside the house was tampered with and towels were stuffed under doors. The chief says they suspect the explosion came after an attempted suicide.

Sansone says 30 year old Patrick Henry, who was critically injured in the blast, had unscrewed a gas line in the basement of his house. Sansone cannot say if Henry intended for the house to explode or if he was trying to poison himself.

Besides Henry, three other people were injured including Jared Baker and Sophia Baker who are now both hospitalized. Police say they were outside Henry's house when it exploded. They had come to check on him because he had threatened to harm himself. The Bakers told police they could smell natural gas coming from the home but did not go inside

Authorities estimate as many as two dozen properties were damaged in the explosion that occurred in the Franklin Avenue neighborhood on Monday afternoon.

Deer Season Means Big Bucks for Local Sporting Goods Stores

The State Game Commission says nearly a million hunters take to the woods in Pennsylvania for the beginning of the gun season on deer. Many hunters take an extended Thanksgiving vacation and most make stops for ammo and supplies at local stores. Many of these store owners say this time of year is their busy season. According to Vice President of Dunham Discount Sports Wes Morosky hunters started stocking up last week and it's an economic boost for his business.

"This is our season here to be busy, and we have a lot of hunting supplies, clothing, and ammo, and everything. People are getting ready for the season," Morosky said.

You'll see plenty of hunters at local diners, restaurants and gas stations before sunrise and during the lunch rush. The mild weather should also keep the hunters out longer these first few days of the season. You'll even spot the Amish decked out in blaze orange vests and hat coverings in our area. Pennsylvania's rifle season on deer runs from November 27 through December 9th.

INTERNATIONAL

Japan cracks down on school bullying

TOKYO (AP) - Struggling to halt a spate of bullying-related youth suicides, a Japanese government panel Wednesday urged schools to punish classroom bullies and crack down on teachers who look the other way.

The panel urged school officials to lecture schoolchildren on the dangers of bullying and teach them that watching in silence is as bad as bullying itself, according to a copy of a report submitted Wednesday to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

"It is important for the government, along with schools and local boards of education, to do everything they can deal with this problem. In that sense, the panel's report is significant," Abe told reporters.

The proposals follow a recent series of student suicides linked to bullying at school, including cases in which teachers allegedly covered up or even joined in the abuse.

In addition, the Education Ministry in recent weeks has received dozens of anonymous letters threatening suicide, believed to have been sent by students.

"Bullying is an anti-social act that should not be tolerated," the panel said in its report of recommendations. "We need clear standards for guidance and punishment."

Bullying has long been a top concern in Japanese schools, where students face all-consuming pressure to compete on entrance exams and conform with their peers. Bullying victims are often blamed for inviting the abuse, increasing their sense of isolation and shame.

The Education Rebuilding Council also urged local education boards to punish teachers for who encourage bullying or fail to stop it, while taking steps including separating the bullies from a classroom and placing them in community service.

The panel also called for closer cooperation with parents, community groups and experts to tackle the problem while fully protecting the privacy of the victims.

Education Minister Bunmei Ibuki welcomed the proposal as a way to "raise awareness of the bullying problem." He urged the panel to look into increasing parental guidance and discipline at home to address the issue.

Ibuiki has accused schools of covering up bullying cases, and said incidents were being underreported.

A ministry survey found no cases of suicides caused by bulling since 1999, but media reports say there were more than a dozen cases of bullying-related suicides nationwide between 1999 and 2005.

Political Pong: Christmas Style

It may only be a week after Thanksgiving, and it may be 60 degrees outside, but it is never too early to start thinking about Christmas.

In honor of the Christmas spirit, Carsen and I are devising our own political Christmas wish lists. The Democratic Party has been well-behaved this year, meaning they deserve to get whatever they ask from Santa. On the other hand, the Republicans should get at least two lumps of coal, because they have not been well-behaved.

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

1. Ask any Democrat what has been the number one item on their political wish list since 2000. They will tell you unanimously that it is "removing George Bush from the presidency." Granted this is not a realistic goal until 2008, but imagine this. You wake up one morning, and miraculously, Barack Obama is the president with James Carville as his vice president. Maybe we can also throw Dennis Kucinich in there somewhere too. Imagine the things we would be accomplishing in the country. Sounds like a little slice of heaven to me.

2. Second on my political wish list is "the United States capturing and bring Osama bin Laden to justice." We have been searching for Osama for five years without any luck. While I do not want us to have to commit any more troops overseas than necessary, finding Osama bin Laden would be a large morale boost for us in the War on Terror. Finding the man responsible for the planning of the largest attacks on the United States in history needs to be a number one priority for the government.

3. My third wish goes hand in hand with the prior one: "create an exit strategy that has the United States out of Iraq within the next year." Bush declared in May 2003 that "major combat operations" in Iraq had ended. Since that time, free elections have been held in Iraq; however the country is still unstable. Ultimately, Iraq will not have the ability to be stable until the United States withdraws. The creation of an exit strategy from Iraq will free up resources that could be used to help us in searching for Osama in Afghanistan.

4. Next on my list of wishes is the "repealing of the No Child Left Behind Act." The problem with this act is that it penalizes the schools that do not achieve the standards set by the government by withholding funds until the standards are achieved. The schools will never be able to reach the standards without the money; this essentially creates a Catch-22 in which everyone loses. The concept to leave no child behind is a good one, but the implantation needs to change.

5. Back in 2004, the ban on assault weapons expired. The expiration of the assault weapons ban meant that people could have assault weapons in their homes. I have found that in my day-to-day experiences, I usually do not need to own an assault weapon, and a simple hunting rifle would suffice for killing deer during hunting season. Assault weapons should be reserved for the battle field. For my fifth wish, let us reinstate the ban on assault weapons.

6. Last but not least, I would like the United States to operate with a balanced budget. Every year, Americans have to balance their budgets. Why should the government not have to do the same? The last time the United States had a balanced budget was in the 1990s. Operating on the basic economic principle of not spending more money than you have will help us decrease our national debt and will make the United States a stronger country overall.

Democrats got an early Christmas on November 7 when we retook the majorities in the House and the Senate. The next day only got sweeter for Democrats with the resignation of Donald Rumsfeld. Even if none of the wishes on my political wish list are granted, I will still have these happy recent memories.

Steve Ruperto is a junior political science and economics double major. He is most likely to be seen going through the line at the TUB 4 times per meal.

Steve has the audacity to have a Christmas list after the gift he got in these past elections. I guess that is all Democrats do; they want more, more, more. Never satisfied with what they have. Politically, they have everything they could ever want. After the November 7 debacle, Republicans have plenty to wish for this Christmas.

Dear Santa, get comfortable (again…I know we have already done this twice with my actual Christmas list).

1. Could the world please stop hating President Bush? He is not such a bad guy. The southern drawl is really quite endearing after a while, and his misspoken words just remind us he is a regular Joe. There are only two years remaining in his term. Even if you do not agree with his policies, he cannot do anything terribly awful between now and then, can he? Let us find something else to complain about.

2. If John Kerry could just bow out of politics entirely, the world would be a better place. He could not beat President Bush. He implies soldiers in Iraq and President Bush are not intelligent (Botched joke? Yes. Still inappropriate? Yes). Plus, he is married to a French woman no one likes. Kerry simply cannot win anything else, and frankly, while I do not mind that he is killing the Democratic Party's public image, he is bad for politicians overall. I do not care what you do instead, John; I just do not want to have to talk about you anymore.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

3. Please let the newly elected Democratic House and Senate realize that getting out of Iraq now is not a good idea. I have no problem with starting to formulate an exit plan, but these wars do not end quickly, nor is it smart to leave before the job is done. Ditching Iraq while it is a chaotic mess is not beneficial to anyone. The United States must help Iraq become stable. Iraqi forces are not ready to handle this mess on their own.

4. I hope this new Congress can actually get something done and the majority has some kind of plan other than Iraq. I also hope the Republicans are strong enough to block anything ridiculous. Remember, Speaker of the House-Elect Nancy Pelosi is from the district that recently banned Junior ROTC from public schools. The United States needs something positive, and while a San Francisco liberal Speaker does not sound positive to me, I hope some bipartisan efforts can bring about change for the better.

5. On the bipartisan line, let us get something done about illegal immigration. It is one of the only issues I can see the Bush administration and Democrats actually accomplishing something together. Plenty of legal immigrants are living in the United States. It is imperative that we protect those people, allow them to get jobs over those who did not follow the rules, and stop financially supporting people who do not add to our economy. If that means building a wall to help the process along, then by all means build one.

6. A turn around in Republican reputation would be glorious right now. We lost the entire election. We then gave in entirely by kicking out Donald Rumsfeld. We have some pedophiles (Mark Foley) and some tarnished halos. I truly believe some of the pre-election news was exploited, dirty politics. But regardless, cleaning up our act is entirely necessary. Republicans need to regroup and come out with a great image next election.

Wait, what is that you asked, Santa? What would help our image? John McCain in 2008. He is our man. And while I could ask for his win in the next election, I think Democrats will screw up the gift they have been given enough that I will not need to waste your time with that.

While this Christmas may have a dreary blue glow, the future is bright. Careful what you wish for, my Democratic friends… midterm elections are pretty to look at, but the real gifts come in 2008.

Carsen Nesbitt is a junior Political Science major and in Sigma Kappa Sorority. She takes pong very seriously and has been accused of being too "Team Serious."

Campus News

Drinko Center sponsoring Service Learning projects

By Chris Norris
Campus writer

The public relations department is expanding its horizons and moving beyond the campus to gain experience working with real clients thanks to funding from the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

The Drinko Center's "Service Learning Projects" allow public relations majors to serve non-profit clients, giving students the chance to encounter real-life public relations situations while gaining valuable experience in their respective fields as well.

"They learn a very valuable lesson, which is that there are going to be clients that they will have to deal with on a professional basis for no money, pro-bono as we call it, because they have skills and people are going to expect it from them," professor of English Dr. James Perkins said.

Perkins is trying to teach his public relations students how to pick and choose clients so that the time they give away to the clients will benefit not only the clients, but also themselves by becoming more visible in public relations and gaining a positive reputation for the future.

One public relations group is currently working with the alumni office to target two different groups of alumni: those who have been out of college for less than 15 years and those who graduated more than 15 years ago.

"The younger alumni are hard to reach because most of the time the colleges that are in touch with them are in search of money and most don't have any money because they are still paying off loans. The trick is to stay in touch with them effectively and keep a soft spot in their head for this place until they realize how valuable it was to them," Perkins said.

Director of Alumni Planning and Programming, Biz Hines, said the group is helping her to generate ideas to reach out to older and younger alumni. Enhancing the college's website in order to be able to reach out to more alumni with a network similar to Myspace is one of the ideas the group has developed.

"The students looked at this idea and provided helpful feedback and also looked at what other schools were doing with their websites," Hines said.

Another client that one of the public relations teams worked with was The Silk Road in New Wilmington. The Silk Road sells fair-trade market items and is owned by Westminster alumna Wendy Farmerie. Farmerie said that the group proposed many different ideas and ways for her to promote her store and the type of products she sells including putting together brochures for The Silk Road to be taken to the Grove City Outlets.

The Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is receiving some repayment for their part in funding the project as one public relations student is currently working with the director of the Drinko Center, Virginia Tomlinson. Junior public relations major Jeremy Lawler is helping to make brochures and place information on the center's website in order to explain and raise awareness of the Drinko Center's mission to enrich undergraduate education.

Alternative gift market offers products from other countries

By Jennifer Matsick
Campus writer

The Young Presbyterian Scholars will hold an alternative gift market on Dec. 7 from noon until 7 p.m. in the McKelvey Campus Center atrium.

The alternative gift market allows students to help those in need in other countries. Students can purchase gifts for a needy person in the name of a relative, who will then receive a card that tells the relative about the help he or she has provided for that person.

Display booths will feature the gifts and volunteers will be present to explain the projects in detail.

This is the third year that YPS has sponsored the alternative gift market.

"I decided to incorporate a market into the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program from its beginning, to emphasize a focus beyond ourselves, beyond our campus and toward the world," Carey Anne Meyer-LaSor, coordinator of YPS, said.

Students raised $3,000 last year toward over 35 projects. There are 500 similar markets held around the world.

Available gifts range from $1 to $4,400, which would help pay to build a well for an entire village.

"The gifts a person buys give life and hope to those on no one's gift list," LaSor said.

Alternative Gifts International was founded in 1986 by Harriet Prichard, a teacher. The organization has raised $17 million since then.

"Once the students saw how they could really 'sell' their project and become involved, they worked hard at educating people," LaSor said.

In addition to gifts, the alternative gift market features Equal Exchange Coffees from The Presbyterian Coffee Project and items from The Silk Road shop.

Titan Radio operating at 4,000 watts

College station now heard all over Lawrence County and beyond

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Staff writer

Titan Radio has significantly increased its coverage area with the addition of a new digital antenna that has boosted power by 3,800 watts.

The increase from 200 to 4,000 watts was approved by The Federal Trade Commission (FCC) about two years ago, but technicalities needed to be finalized and funds needed to be raised before the increase could be made. The power boost sends Titan Radio's commercial-free, adult top 40 music, information, and sports broadcasts to all of Lawrence County.

"The power increase will help our students think beyond the campus when writing news and sports stories," Dr. David Barner, Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art Department Chair said.

Titan Radio had been looking to amplify its signal to a larger audience for several years. Originally, the station's radio tower was located at Orr Auditorium and produced 110 watts. Although this was enough to cover the campus, it barely reached into the surrounding borough. Another move to the top of a hill slightly increased the wattage to 200. However, in order to broadcast to the entire county, the station needed to switch from an omni-antenna to a directional antenna. According to Barner, the change allows all of Lawrence County to enjoy the station's commercial-free music.

"An omni-antenna sends a signally equally in all directions while a directional antenna allows specific directions to be chosen," Barner said. "The new antenna will be directed south to reach the majority of Lawrence County."

The signal also had to be specifically directed to avoid other closeby college networks on similar frequencies such as Grove City College, Kent State, and Edinboro Universities.

Funds for the new antenna were contributed entirely by outside sources such as Senator Bob Robbins, who donated a significant portion through a state economic grant. The Titan Athletic boosters also contributed because the power jump will significantly increase the number of listeners able to tune in to athletic broadcasts. Additional funds were raised by television advertising and other private donors.

One reason why listeners like Titan Radio is because it operates on a non-commercial frequency that allows it to broadcast music without interruption from advertisers. According to Barner, this frequency places it in the lower numbers, such as 88.9, and is commonly used by educational, religious, and cultural radio stations.

Sophomore Jen Alberts lives within the new signal radius and is excited she can listen to Titan Radio off campus.

"I like that Titan Radio is commercial free so I listen to it while driving between campus and home," Alberts said. "I think it will be good for the community to keep up-to-date with what is happening here and vice versa."

Titan Traverse organizing spring break trips

By Roxanne Ierino
Campus writer

Start planning your spring break with Titan Traverse, and enjoy a low price adventure.

Titan Traverse is planning spring break trips to Sierra Madre, Mexico and Cumberland Island, Georgia. The major advantage to traveling with Titan Traverse is the low costs. Students will be provided with all necessary equipment, including tents and food. They are only required to bring clothing and pay the initial travel price.

The trip to Cumberland Island was planned because of the excitement students showed about the same trip in 2005. About 20 students will be able to go on that trip this spring. Two vans will be making the 13-hour drive. Junior Anatoli Dorosh went on the trip to Georgia two years ago.

"The spring break trip to Georgia was an awesome opportunity to get out of the area and have some fun exploring the world," Dorosh said. "The places we went and the adventure we experienced made it hard to believe we were in the United States and not some exotic country."

The first day is reserved for kayaking on St. Mary's River, and then a ferry will take the group to the 10 mile-long island. The trip will provide a laid-back atmosphere with plenty of time for relaxing on the beach. Opportunities for hiking, backpacking and exploring will be available. Assistant directors Brian Vare and Chrissy Valentine will be in charge of the trip.

"It's something out of the norm," Vare said. "It's not the typical 'go to Florida' spring break trip."

Director Laura Nystrom will be in charge of the Mexico trip. Nystrom has traveled to Sierra Madre and expressed a lot of excitement about the trip. She emphasized the great opportunity to experience different cultures.

"The trip allows students to have fun, and experience life differently," Nystrom said.

About 10 students will be able to travel to Sierra Madre. The details of the trip have yet to be determined, but there will be opportunities to explore ruins and waterfalls and look at alternate energy sources such as solar and wind power.

The trips will not be completely structured; students will have time to hang out by themselves. Those interested in the trips are not required to be members of Titan Traverse, and no experience is necessary. The directors expressed their willingness to teach students anything they may need to know.

The Cumberland Island trip will cost about $240. The trip to Mexico will be between $500 and $700, and students must have a passport.

"The payment is pretty expensive, but it's important to realize that it's worth it in the long run," Nystrom said. "It's such a great experience."

The Titan Traverse directors encourage students not to be scared of the costs of the trips. Fundraising and scholarships opportunities are available; directors should be contacted for more information.

Spring break is from March 2 to March 12. A monetary deposit of $50 is due by December 6. Since spring break is so early, the directors must know the level of interest as soon as possible.

"It's a great opportunity for a Christmas present," Nystrom said.

Titan Traverse is a leadership development program and Westminster's adventure education program. The staff works together to create a fun and playful atmosphere. As part of a group, participants are able to learn about themselves and others while reflecting on the many insights that are a result of their experiences.

Letter to the Editor

Senior business major concerned about cancelled class, graduation; wants straight answer from administration

Dear Editor,

I am a senior business major, and I'm a little nervous about graduating in May, but I'm looking forward to being done with school. I only have four classes left to take in the spring and I was very pleased during registration when I had no problems getting into every class I needed.

Now, most people might assume that as a senior, it would be a piece of cake to get into the necessary classes, but I have had horrible problems at registration throughout my college career. As a result of these complications, I am currently overloading and usually quite stressed.

Needless to say every little thing that goes my way makes me quite happy while things that fight against me just cause more aggravation than I already have.

I was recently looking through the schedule updates, just in case any of my classes have changed rooms or professors. I was quite upset when I saw that BA 361 has been cancelled. I need BA 361 to put a concentration in Human Resources on my resume because that is the field I want to go in and business majors are not permitted to minor in Human Resources.

When I discovered the class had been cancelled, I talked to the professor who is supposed to teach the class and she told me to email or talk to the chair of the business department and the registrar. So I did.

I received emails back from both of them saying there wasn't much either of them could do, but that I should contact the dean of academic affairs. So I did.

He replied that he couldn't do anything either and that I should talk to the chair of the department who sent me to the dean in the first place. I want to know who can actually do something about this! Someone decided that the class should be cancelled, so shouldn't someone be able to decide the class should be reinstated?

I don't appreciate getting the runaround when this is important, and I graduate in six months. I know that I am not the only senior enrolled in the class who faces this problem. Shouldn't the college be concerned that they have caused distress among graduating seniors and try to rectify the situation?

All I want is a straight answer and some helpful advice from the people in charge of my education.

Rachel Eaton
Senior

Photo by Jenn Corkadel

Hug Links

Sophomore Ashley Carnahan and senior Joselyn Parker embrace in celebration of the numerous free hugs given in the past few weeks.

Pancake Breakfast with Phi mu!

Do you want a home-cooked breakfast to get your ready for a week of studying for finals???
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Please return this form along with your money in a inter-campus envelope to Kelly Conley box 630 no later than Friday Dec. 8th at noon.
Sign ups also available during lunch in the tub.

Campus News

Concert Choir, Chamber Singers premiere songs to be performed in Spain

By Bill Nichols
Campus writer

The Westminster College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers premiered the pieces that they plan to sing during their Music Tour of Spain Sunday, Nov. 19.

With a wide variety of songs, the Concert Choir performed ten different pieces along with the Chamber Singers who sang seven songs.

Directed by Dr. Robin A. Lind, the students will not just travel nationally, but will be traveling internationally this year as well. The two groups will be traveling after the holidays and spend two weeks in Spain and nearby cities performing their new musical pieces.

"From Dec. 28 through Jan. 10, the Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble are traveling to Spain, with stops in Granada, Cordoba, Jaen, Rondo, and New Year's in Seville." said Lind.

There will be several accompanists along with the choir. Craig Dressler, a junior religion major from Erie, will accompany the choirs on the piano as well as the organ.

Also on the piano will be junior Sheila Barnhart and senior Rachel Hammond, with a final accompanist sophomore J.P. Scanga on electric bass.

"We are looking forward to performing in some beautiful venues and representing Westminster College as musical ambassadors," said Scanga.

This year's tour marks a break in tradition, since the choir tour normally only travels across parts of the United States.

In past years the trip has taken the choir to places such as Disney World and New York City, thanks to help from funds raised during their annual Music and Meatballs dinner.

Swiper More Swiping, Part 2: *What's the Hold Up?*

By Akesha N. Joseph
Staff writer

At the beginning of October, *The Holcad* reported that college officials and the Student government Association have been working together with area businesses for Titan Card swipers in the New Wilmington Borough.

This project would permit students to use their cards at machines that would be stationed at various businesses in the borough.

Students would be able to use their Titan debit funds on their cards, not dine dollars, to purchase goods at cooperating businesses.

The project has reportedly been under works for approximately two years now.

So what's the hold up?

School officials are continuing to evaluate the cost and profitable gain from the project for both the schools and the businesses. In order for the businesses to be able to implement the system, each business would have to have a machine installed at their locations.

This would permit the transfer of funds from the Titan Card office on campus to the business location. This is where most of the cost would be incurred.

Student Government Association is doing everything possible to promote and encourage the completion of the project.

Adam Leech, Secretary of SGA, has been in communication with Ken Romig, Vice President of the College and head of financial management services.

Though SGA has already allocated some funds for the project, Leech and Romig discussed some of the other concerns.

On November 15, the Chamber of Commerce met and, with Romig present, the College's requirements were reviewed.

"I told the Chamber that the College needs to have 4 to 5 businesses willing to implement the Titan card system but the Chamber President, Tom McKinley, is going to communicate with all the Chamber members to see if there is sufficient interest," said Romig.

Another stumbling block that Romig mentioned was the cost of maintaining the systems.

"Tom McKinley will be working with our IT group to determine if there is a more cost effective way to implement the system with the College's system."

There is a lot more time and planning that needs to go into the project, but the College and some area businesses are enthusiastic about the idea, if and only if, it will be the best move for the college and the borough.

Dave Llewellyn, owner of the New Wilmington Pizza Joe's, is one business owner that is in favor of the project.

"I think it is the greatest thing in the world," Llewellyn said.

He would love to see more students and business in his restaurant.

Pizza Joe's is no rookie to this type of system, however. One restaurant located near Beaver Local High School has already serviced a local college with a similar system for the college students.

The only downside however is that students have to chose from a specific menu with some inflated cost in order to cover expenses so that both the school and the restaurant can benefit form the system.

Llewellyn reports that the Pizza Joe's located near Beaver Local must pay the college 25% of its earnings.

Llewellyn is still optimistic about the whole idea.

If all else fails he is thinking about implementing his own card to Westminster students. This card would be more like a gift card that students or their parents could place funds on which can be used at their leisure at Pizza Joes.

School officials are continuing to evaluate the cost and profitable gain from the project for both the schools and the businesses. In order for the businesses to be able to implement the system, each business would have to have a machine installed at their locations.

Eckerd was equally enthusiastic at the possibility of having the system in their store.

"I think it is a great idea and I would love to see that happen," Assistant Manager Ben Levine said.

Any final decisions made by Eckerd would have to come from their corporate office.

Many other businesses in the borough are hoping for positive results with the project.

School officials are continuing to work on proposals and assess the project as a whole.

A final decision should be reached in the near future.

International festival to celebrate cultures, heritages

By Zach Marsh
Campus writer

The second annual International Festival brings a diversity of food and entertainment from different cultures and heritages within the campus community.

The event will be held on Wed., Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Club Room. The festival was created by students Kylie Gallagher and Nawal Rajeh to provide a time for students, faculty, and community to come together to learn and share their knowledge about an assortment of cultures from around the world.

"Celebration is a time for the college community to join together and celebrate their heritage or culture," Gallagher said.

A wide range of different international and American dishes provided by students and staff members will be offered at the event.

Entertainment at the festival will also be contributed by students and faculty.

New this year to the festival will be a fair trade market gift shop provided by the Silk Road offering items from around the globe. Also the International Cultures Club will be giving their time in preparation to the festival.

The International Festival is a time for anyone from the community who enjoys different cultures, or who has a curiosity to come, to learn about cultures in a fun environment.

Also, it will be a relaxing time for students to get their minds away from school work.

"Our campus never has a chance to come together in a relaxed environment and share their thoughts on the world with one another," Gallagher said.

Last year's festival was dedicated in loving memory to Sandy Edmiston, a 2005 alumnus who died the summer of 2005.

"The food was amazing and it opened my eyes up to so many new cultures," Brittany Mente said. "I gained a lot of knowledge and respect for other cultures around me."

The International fFstival welcomes anyone to bring an international dish, or even a favorite American dish to the celebration.

For further information, contact Kylie Gallagher or Jeannette Hooks Hubbard from the Office of Diversity Services.

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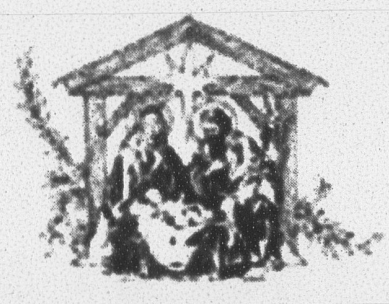

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Campus News

Something is afoot at Circle K

By Heather MacKenzie
Campus writer

Circle K and the Kiwanis Club have been working with Nike Inc. on the continuing Reuse-A-Shoe project since February 2005.

Reuse-A-Shoe is an international program that promotes a healthy lifestyle for children. The program was started in 1993 by Nike Inc.

The company takes donations of non-metal, athletic shoes and reuses them to benefit children. When shoes are thrown out, they are often deposited in a landfill or dumpster where they no longer serve a purpose.

Through the Reuse-A-Shoe program, Nike splits the shoes into three layers: the outsoles, the midsoles and the textile and leather uppers.

These three layers are ground up and used for different surfaces, such as basketball courts, soccer fields, tracks and playgrounds for children.

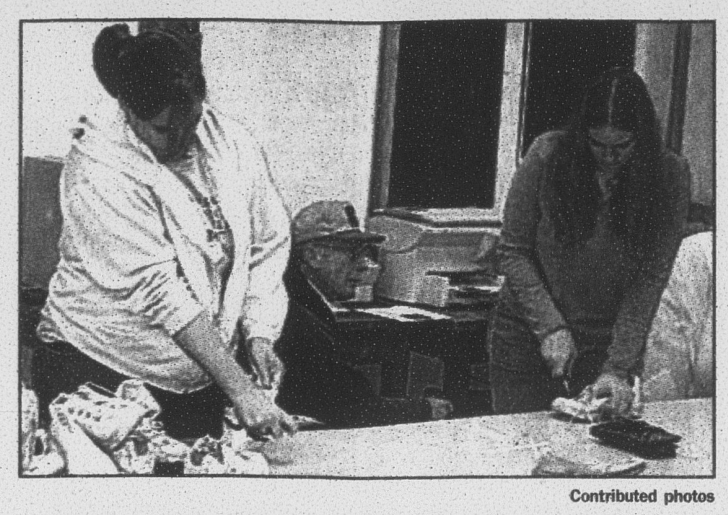
"One of the components of the shoes goes into pads for the basketball floors," director of the field station Clarence Harms said.

The Reuse-A-Shoe project started here in February 2005 after Harms' wife, president of the Kiwanis Club at that time, was looking for a project to develop. She heard about the Reuse-A-Shoe project and contacted the Nike headquarters for more information.

The shoes that have been collected here are donated at the Nike Factory Outlet in Grove City. Circle K placed bins around campus for donations of shoes, and two to three people collected them one afternoon.

After the shoes were collected, nine members of the Kiwanis Club and two Circle K members sorted the shoes at the field station. While sorting them, the group had to cut out the metal eyelets from the shoes, because the shoes can only be donated in non-metal form.

Since this project started in 2005, Circle K and the Kiwanis Club have collected 8,488 shoes.



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Above: Juniors Heather Lorigan and Suzanne McGuire salvage parts of shows while Kiwanian Ralph Johnston looks on.

Right: Kiwanians cut apart shoes to send them to Reuse-A-Shoe.

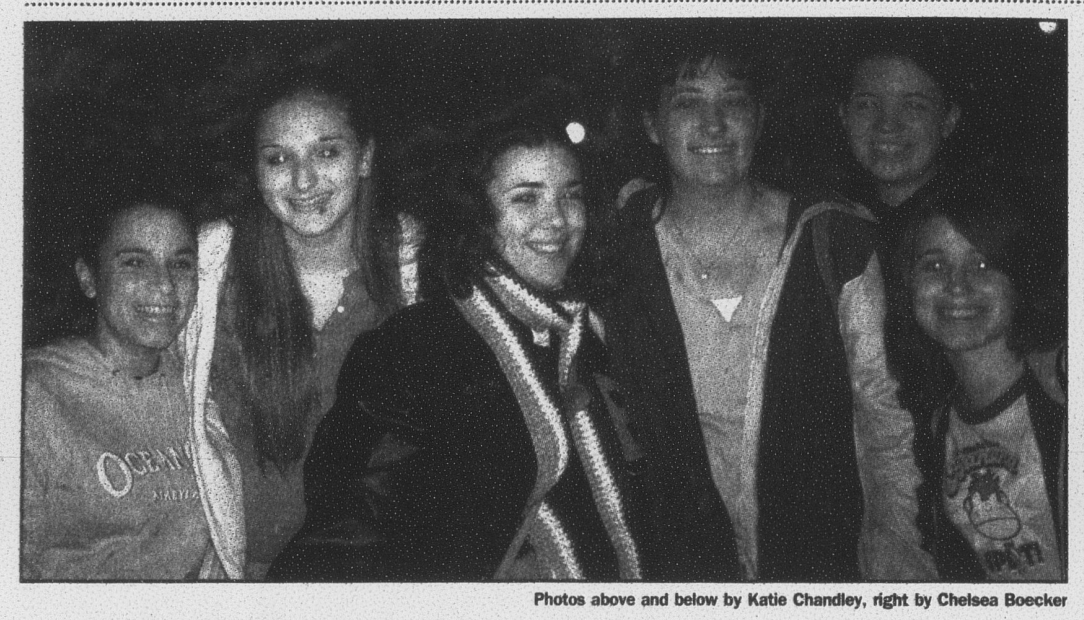
"I like the fact that it benefits children by providing equipment for playgrounds in areas where the children don't normally have that opportunity," junior Suzanne McGuire said.

Circle K is a service organization on campus that is a branch of the Kiwanis Club. They sponsor the Halloween parade in town, and members of the organization are the judges for the costume contest. They also have a children's reading hour at the library. Members work on service projects to raise money for different funds for children.

"We're a service organization that does work with children," junior Heather Lorigan said.

The Reuse-A-Shoe program is an ongoing project. The bins will be around campus for donations to support this cause.

LIGHT-UP NIGHT



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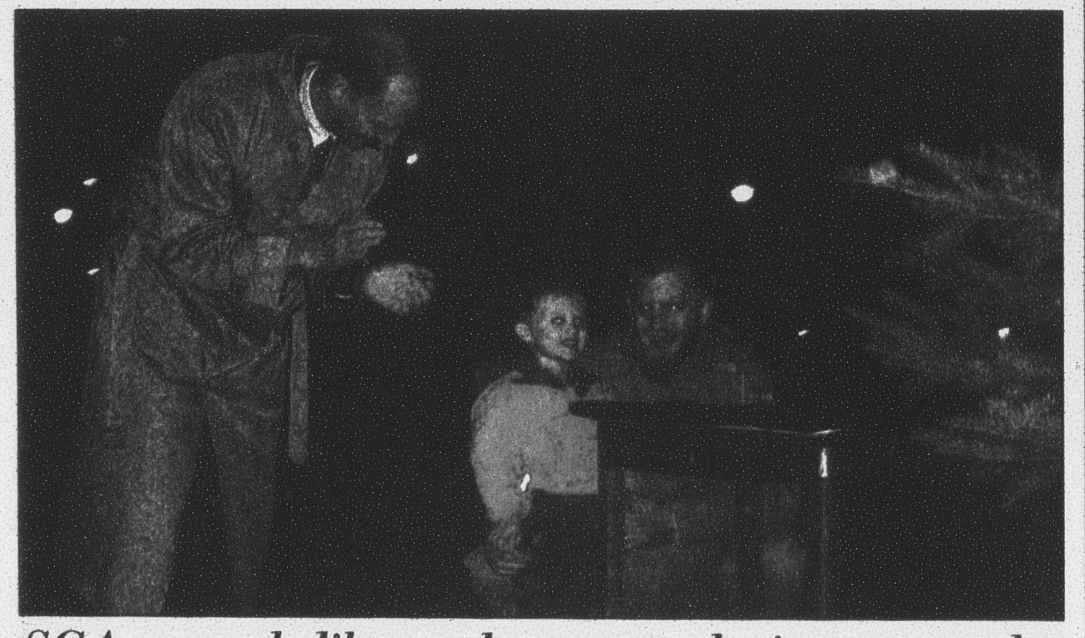
Above: Rebecca Slifkin, Rachel Burkot, Corrina Neely, Nicole Panza, Julie Tvaruzek and Nicky Piszczor smile at the annual Light-up Night in the quad.

Right: Students, staff and faculty watch as the big tree is illuminated.

Below: President Williamson, left, cheers while Dr. Joel Postema and son look on.



SGA amends library hours resolution, concedes Sunday for more weekday and Saturday hours

By Jenna Hinks
Campus writer

The Student Government Association made adjustments to the previous resolution regarding the increase of library hours on Thursday, Nov. 16.

On May 16, the members of the academics committee of SGA designed a resolution entitled "Library Hours in Our Time." In this decree, the members of SGA approved the request to extend library hours. Their hopes were to increase total library hours by nine hours per week. Monday through Thursday would have been increased by one hour, three hours on Saturday, and two hours on Sunday.

On Nov. 16, an amended recommendation from the previous resolution was made. In an effort to reach an agreement with administration, SGA decided to drop demands of increasing Sunday hours, which leads a total increase of only seven hours per week. Instead, they ask that hours be extended until 12 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Saturdays extended from a 5 p.m. closing time to an 8 p.m. closing time. They hope that this compromise will increase the chances for a solution that will benefit all students.

"As academics chair [of SGA] the complaint that I hear most often from students is a request for longer library hours," senior Lee Scoot said. "We requested an extension of hours last May through a prior resolution. The most recent resolution sees a drop in our request of hours from 9 additional hours per week to 7. We hope that this is seen as a measure of good faith by the students to the administration and faculty of our desire to keep the most important academic building on campus open longer."

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Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	47	27	r	36	25	c	35	22	c	30	19	sf	32	21	pc
Butler, PA	55	26	t	39	24	c	38	22	pc	30	19	sf	34	21	sf
Cambridge, OH	52	26	t	38	24	pc	40	22	c	31	20	c	35	21	pc
Canton, OH	44	25	r	36	24	c	36	22	c	30	20	c	32	22	pc
Cincinnati, OH	41	26	r	38	24	pc	37	21	c	32	20	c	37	23	c
Clarion, PA	49	25	t	38	24	c	35	21	pc	30	18	sf	30	18	sf
Clarksburg, WV	67	28	t	47	30	pc	44	27	pc	33	23	c	37	24	pc
Cleveland, OH	40	29	r	38	27	c	35	24	c	31	22	sf	33	24	sf
Columbus, OH	48	25	r	37	27	pc	36	23	c	31	21	c	32	25	c
Cumberland, MD	64	30	t	47	26	pc	43	25	pc	37	21	sf	37	21	pc
Erie, PA	44	29	r	35	28	sf	37	28	sf	32	22	sf	33	25	sf
Franklin, PA	45	25	t	38	23	c	38	21	c	30	18	sf	31	17	sf
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Meadville, PA	45	26	r	35	27	sf	36	23	sf	28	22	sf	31	20	sf
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Somerset, PA	60	28	t	36	26	c	39	21	pc	32	18	sf	30	21	sf
Steubenville, OH	51	28	t	37	26	c	40	24	c	31	21	c	33	22	pc
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Wheeling, WV	57	28	t	38	29	c	40	23	pc	31	21	c	34	24	pc
Youngstown, OH	47	26	r	36	25	c	34	22	c	30	19	sf	33	22	sf
Wooster, OH	46	25	r	33	26	c	37	23	c	29	20	c	30	22	pc
Zanesville, OH	55	28	t	39	26	pc	39	23	c	32	21	c	35	21	c

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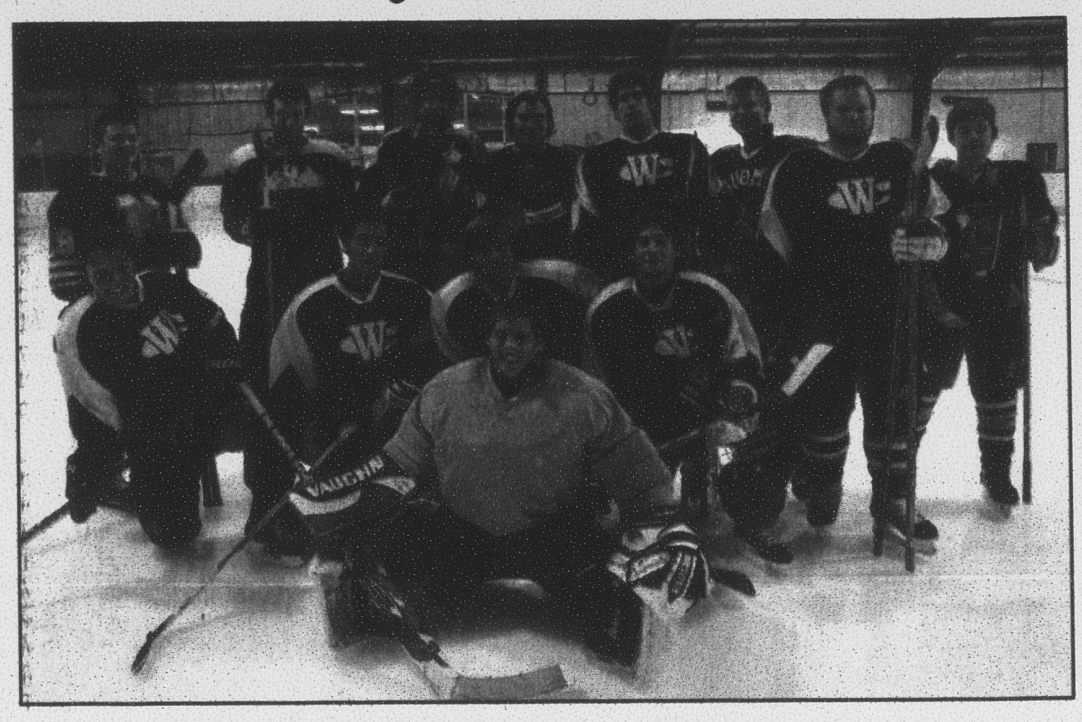
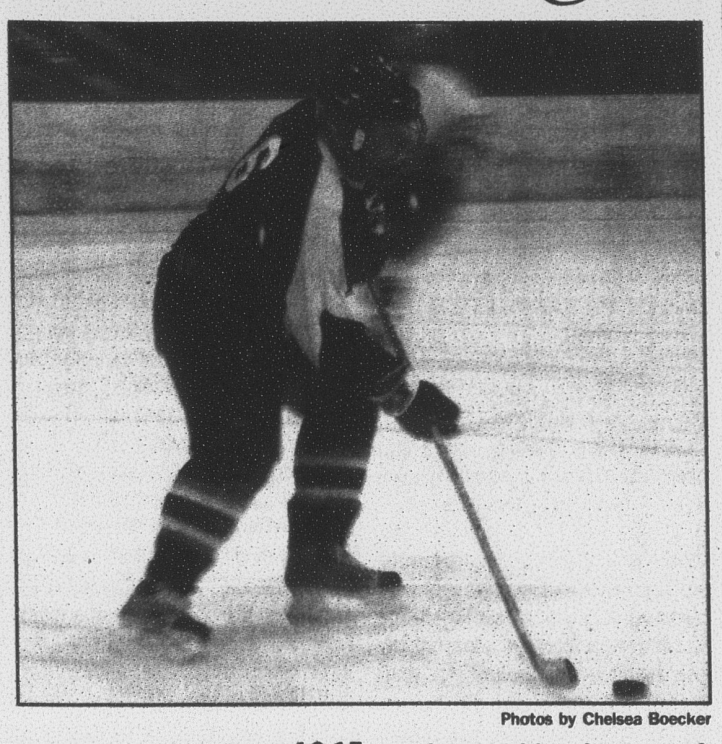
Hockey team off and running





Photos by Chelsea Boecker

The Titan hockey team has played 10 games so far this season in a competitive league. The team is comprised of 10-15 members and has been an officially school-funded club for five years.

Lindsey Nuzzo
Sports writer

After ordering authentic Penguins jerseys, watching The Mighty Ducks movies for inspiration, and playing their first ten games, the school's hockey club is in full force for their fall/winter season.

The team, made up of 10 to 15 student athletes/hockey lovers, has been an official, school-funded club for five years. Although the club is fairly new, junior Aaron Schade has been credited for molding the hockey club by recruiting players, providing equipment, and ultimately, allowing the club to grow. Physical education instructor, Scott Renninger has advised the team since its beginning and feels this season is going well.

"We are off and running this season," Renninger said.

The guys have already played the first ten games of the season, and despite only winning two, they unanimously stress, it is more about having fun than winning. Junior, Ande Saporito, who has been a wing player on the team for three years, feels they group is young and plays in a competitive league.

"Most of the teams we play have guys that are 20-30 years old, so they have more experience than us." Saporito said. "The teams are mostly from around this area, but we play some from the Youngstown area too."

Several of the hockey players, including Saporito, are members of the varsity soccer team as well. According to Saporito, the two sports are similar in some ways, so hockey is a beneficial off-season activity.

"My favorite part of hockey is the speed of the game," Saporito said. Soccer and hockey require both speed and skill at the same time and that makes both games fun."

The fun factor of the hockey club really comes into play, not necessarily during games, but with certain outside rituals. Before almost every game, the team members watch The Mighty Ducks movies for motivation.

Though it may seem elementary, the guys say that the words of Gordon Bombay, played by Emilio Estevez, and the overall determination of the Ducks, help them to focus on their own games.

The guys also occasionally attend team dinners before games, and are talking about attending a Pittsburgh Penguin's game together.

Aside from having pre-game routines, the team is looking to make some improvements. According to Saporito, the team ordered new jerseys for this season.

"We ordered authentic, original light blue and navy Pittsburgh Penguins jerseys for this season," Saporito said." We are still waiting for them to come in because, apparently, they are the most popular authentic jersey and are on backorder."

Saporito explained one reason they decided to go with the throwback, instead of the modern black and gold was because they are identical to Westminster's school colors.

Renninger emphasized that the club is always looking for more players, and Saporito said says that new players should be willing to learn all positions on the ice, because the team is somewhat imbalanced.

"We have a plethora of talent at the forward position," Saporito said. "Though, we could use some help at defense.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

"Pittsburgh, the Pits?"

Blitzburgh, a storied city in the world of sports, just may be falling off the map.

Pittsburgh is one of the most enshrined sports cities. Just look at the nickname "Blitzburgh." Pittsburgh's commonly used nickname is derived from a football team that included a unit known as the "Steel Curtain." With five NFL championships, which is as many as any other city, and championships in both baseball and hockey, Pittsburgh sports fans are used to winning.

Although Pittsburgh is a city historically known for its sports teams, this reputation may be in jeopardy. Pittsburgh's three professional sports teams look like they'd be better suited to play with amateurs than professionals.

Perhaps the worst of Pittsburgh's failures is the Steelers. After winning the Super Bowl, the Steelers are a frustrating 4-7, and have the worst ever record through eleven weeks of any team to have won the Super Bowl the year before.

Not only is the record bad, but the team is surrounded with question and uncertainty. Bill Cowher appears to have lost the fire he once possessed on the sideline every Sunday. He appears to be still celebrating the Super Bowl win and seems to have forgotten that this year is a brand new season and what you did last year does not matter. Speaking of Cowher and the team's uncertainty, speculation in Pittsburgh is that the reason Cowher appears to not care is because he won't be coming back next year.

Then, there are the questions about the players. Will Big Ben ever return to the form he showed during last year's Super Bowl run? I don't believe he will because the events he has encountered are life changing events that change a man forever. Is it just me, or has Hines Ward lost a step this year? Hines is definitely on the downhill side of a wide receivers' longevity in the NFL. When I watch the games this year, I don't see Hines making devastating blocks or breaking free from any good defensive back's coverage.

I thought with the Steelers doing so poorly, Pittsburgh would at least get some relief from the Penguins. The only thing the Penguins may have relieved lately is Michel Therrien of his job. After dropping three straight, the Penguins find themselves in fourth place of the five teams in the Atlantic Division. With star players Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, and net-minder Marc-Andre Fleury, the Pens have too much talent to finish in the bottom of the division.

The Pirates are in about as good of shape as Kid Rock and Pamela Anderson's marriage. At least the Pirates never under achieve. The sad part is that they never under achieve because nobody ever expects them to achieve. Too bad Mark Cuban didn't buy the Pirates. At least that would give fans and the Pirates some hope.

With Dave Wannstedt doing as good of a job at Pitt as he did in the NFL, and the surprisingly solid play of the Big East, Pitt football has been down and does not appear to be on the rise any time soon.

Right now, Pittsburgh sports fans should be grateful for the AP ranked number three Pitt Panther basketball team. Credit Jamie Dixon for the job he is doing, every year Pitt basketball is competitive. With the way things are going, Jamie Dixon just might be the best coach in Pittsburgh right now.

If Pittsburgh sports continue in the direction that they are going, the city of Pittsburgh may not be known for greatness. The title of "Blitzburgh" may just fall to "The Pits."

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Well-prepared Lady Titans head to Wooster Invite with 0-1 record in PAC

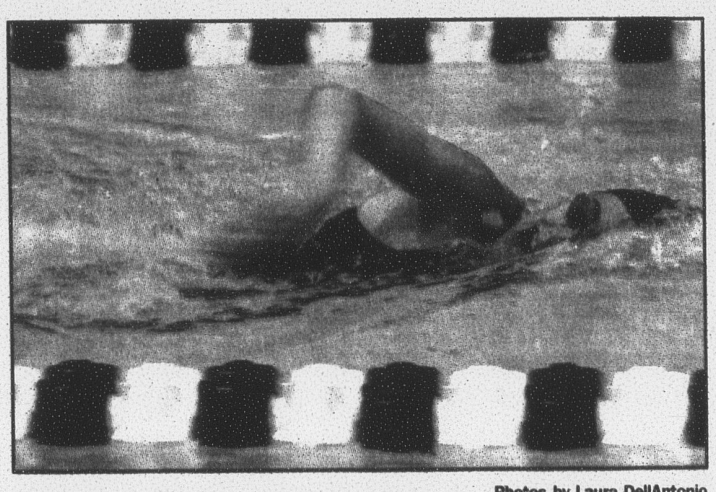
By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

The Lady Titans return back from Thanksgiving break looking to improve their overall record of 0-5 and a PAC record of 0-1.

The Lady Titans traveled to Allegany on November 11 for their first dual meet of the season. Freshman Emily Dressler captured two events, the 50 free (26.21) and the 100 free (56.60) while Junior Becky Giles won the 200 IM with a time of 2:15.74. The Lady Titans were also able to claim the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:46.40. However, the Lady Titans were unable to claim the meet victory losing to Allegany by 17 with a score of 127-144.

On November 15 the Lady Titans took on Washington and Jefferson for their first PAC match-up. Freshman Emily Dressler won the 100 freestyle (55.53), sophomore Megan Mier took the 200 backstroke (2:13.34) and senior Megan McLaughlin captured the 50 freestyle (25.47). These three Lady Titans were all members of the 400 freestyle relay and were able to claim that victory with a time of 3:47.35. W&J claimed the victory nevertheless with a score of 125 compared to that of Westminster's of 100.

After their first two loses the Lady Titans competed in a quadrangular meet Saturday, November 18 at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, Ohio. Competing in the meet was Calvin, Wooster, and Denison. On the women's side, Brittany Thomas placed third in the 1,000 freestyle (11:15.66), junior Becky Giles captured third in the 200 IM (2:14.17), and sophomore Megan Mier took third in the 100 backstroke (1:02.17).



Photos by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Brittany Thomas paces herself in the 1000 freestyle.

The Lady Titans went 0-3 losing to all three teams within the meet. Sophomore Megan Meir states, "Although we were unable to claim a victory, we had a great opportunity to compete against some of the strongest teams in the country." Four of the five teams that the lady titans have played were in the national top ten.

After pushing through these first few difficult meets, the Lady Titans intend to work through the remainder of the season with determination. "Our main goal is to do well in the PAC's this year," states Meir. The Lady Titans have claimed the title in two consecutive years and intend on defending that title this year.

The Lady Titans will get some great practice towards achieving that goal as they travel to Wooster on Thursday, November 29th for one of the most important invitationals of the year. "This is the finale of the first semester," states head coach Rob Klamut, "We focus a lot of our attention on this meet in order to see our progress."

Lady Titan basketball defeats Wooster, moves record to 2-2

By Bob Long
Sports writer

On Saturday November 25, 2006 Westminster faced Wooster on the Titans home court.

The Titans 2-2 on the season came into the game well prepared. The Titans were predicted to finish third in the preseason polls and were ready to prove how good they are. The team also returned all five starters to make a run at the PAC title this season.

The Titans came into the game against Wooster led by the dominant player of senior guard Desiree Sterling who performed spectacularly in the game.

Westminster had a respectable lead at the half helped by a solid defense and 15 points by Sterling. The telling stat of the first half was shooting percentage.

Westminster held Wooster to only 5-28 shooting in the first half of the game. Wooster made things very hard on themselves by only shooting 17.9 percent to start the game off.

The Titans came out of the halftime break ready to defend their 8-point lead. Sterling also came out ready to play outscoring Wooster's leading scorer 32 to 18.

Wooster made a strong charge towards the end of he second half led by leading scorer Carly Loehrke with 18 points on the day. Wooster took the lead 49-46 in the second half, but was unable to fight off the Titans.

The Titans battled hard to get the lead back. The decisive bucket came with 1:26 remaining when senior guard Nicole Fee drained a 17-foot jumper from the left wing on an assist from Sterling to give the Titans a three-point, 54-51, lead that Westminster protected down the stretch. Westminster did all in their power to keep ahead of Wooster.

The Titans were helped by senior forward Talley Felger who hit two of her eight points on a field goal with 24 seconds left to give the Titans a four-point, 57-53 lead. Felger grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds as the Titans out-rebounded the Fighting Scots, 48-38.

The Titans simply had control of the numbers game leading in rebounds, assists, blocks, and points.

Westminster overpowered the Fighting Scots with solid defense and patient offense of which Wooster has not yet seen this season.

With an impressive showing at home, the Lady Titans go into the 06-07 season with a lot to prove. Senior Desiree Sterling scored a career high 32 points in the win over Wooster.

Sterling was also 7-10 from 3-point range in her last two games, which landed her PAC player of the week. Sterling's 32 points is not out of the ordinary, however. Last season she scored 26 points twice.

The Lady Titans return to action November 29, 2006 against Mount Union.

Mount Union is the fifth game of the season and is also a non-conference game.

The game is at Mount Union and tip-off is at 7 p.m. The team is looking to improve on its 2-2 record before PAC play begins.

SAAC Athlete of the Week: Senior guard Sterling

Westminster College senior women's basketball player Desiree Sterling has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Sterling averaged 22 points in two wins last week, including a career-high 32 markers vs. Wooster. Sterling, who also had 12 points and five assists at Pitt-Bradford, moved up two spots and is now ranked fourth in career scoring at Westminster with 1,074 career points.

Sterling made 13 of 25 shots (.520) for the week including 6 of 10 (.600) from 3-point range. She also led the team with seven assists and six steals for the week.

Desiree Sterling

Arts & Entertainment

Movie reviews

James Bond is human in *Casino Royale*, but adds excitement in becoming 007

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

As a James Bond fan, I can say with certainty that 007 is back, and Daniel Craig is to thank. Craig's charming yet hardened demeanor coupled with his Paul Newman blue eyes presents James Bond in a way that would please Ian Fleming, the author of the 007 books. In addition, the theme song "You Know My Name" by Audioslave lead singer Chris Cornell is a welcome change from some previous Bond songs (remember Madonna and "Die Another Day"?).

Casino Royale takes us back to Bond's first mission; after he completes two succinct assassinations he is elevated to "00" status. Judi Dench once again plays 'M', Bond's no-nonsense and sassy boss. 007's first assignment sends him to Madagascar to spy on a terrorist, but his mission doesn't work as planned (though the chase scene is spectacular) and Bond finds himself out of 'M' and MI6's good graces.

Despite orders to leave the assignment, Bond works independently of MI6 and follows a lead to the Bahamas. Bond's, and MI6's mission is to find out who is funding some of the world's most deadly terrorists. After some digging, and flirting, Bond connects the terrorist cell to Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen), the banker for the world's terrorist organizations.

After Bond thwarts Le Chiffre's plan to increase his terrorist client's stock (I won't give away the plan), Le Chiffre is left with no money to show his impatient and unforgiving clientele. 007 reconnects with MI6 and they learn that Le Chiffre plans to win back his money before the terrorists find out that their money was lost in the stock market. Le Chiffre plans to do this by winning a high-stakes poker game at Le Casino Royale in Montenegro.

'M' sends Vesper Lynd (Eva Green) from the British Treasury to accompany Bond and keep an eye on their funds, and on Bond. At first Vesper treats Bond with a cold, "business-only" attitude, but after time, and some life-threatening escapades, the pair warm to each other. However, Bond soon learns that there is much more behind this poker game, and his assignment takes several unexpected twists that lead to deception, torture, and a climactic finale.

Casino Royale has the essential elements of a James Bond film: fast-paced action, improbable yet entertaining chase and action scenes, beautiful women, and exotic locations. However, director Martin Campbell takes these elements and improves on them with phenomenal cinematography, and exceptional writing, thanks to screenwriters Neil Purvis and Robert Wade. But the most impressive is Craig's performance, he enhances the Bond persona with his attitude and acting, but the filmmakers made him real: in this film Bond makes mistakes, he is flawed and learns his lessons the hard way as he becomes 007. James Bond is human like the rest of us, but he makes it look so much sexier and exciting.

Rating: A

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

Photo from online source

Daniel Craig stars and excels as James Bond in *Casino Royale*.

Billy Joel to perform series of concerts in North America

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 /PRNewswire/ -- The legendary entertainer Billy Joel will perform a series of North American concert dates in February and March 2007 (see full itinerary following). Tickets for all dates will go on sale Saturday, December 2, at 10am (EST).

Currently in the midst of a concert tour of Australia, Japan, and Hawaii, Billy Joel continues breaking sales and attendance records around the world.

"No American artist has performed to more Australians than Joel," wrote Australia's The Age (theage.com.au), "and over the next few weeks he will perform before another 100,000 people around the country."

A review of Billy's concert at the Acer Arena in Sydney led with the observation that "According to his promoter, Frontier Touring, Billy Joel has sold more tickets for shows in the past 12 months than any other artist, including U2."

In April 2006, Billy Joel broke the Madison Square Garden record for the longest sequence of sold-out shows by a single artist. A

At the twelfth show of his sold-out run, Madison Square Garden celebrated the event in true New York style, raising a banner to the venue's rafters emblazoned with "#12," the number of Billy's consecutive SRO performances.

As Billy's banner joined the ranks of the Rangers and the Knicks, the Bronx-born Long Island-raised show business icon became the first non-athlete ever to be honored with a "retired" number on the rafters of the Garden.

In June 2006, Columbia Records released 12 Gardens Live, a two CD collection of the hottest performances culled from Billy's record-breaking 12 sold-out concert run at Madison Square Garden.

Produced by Billy Joel and Grammy-winning "Producer of the Year" Steve Lillywhite, 12 Gardens Live has been heralded by allmusic.com as " ... an unexpectedly compelling and entertaining listen ... his most enjoyable album in 20 years."

Billy's concerts are filled with greatest hits, personal favorites, musical surprises and more, never failing to prove why Billy's music endures through the decades, becoming ever more popular and vital with time. Having sold more than 100 million records over the past quarter century, Billy Joel ranks as one of most popular recording artists and respected entertainers in the world.

The Queen: Pure Royalty

At the Venice Film Festival, Helen Mirren received a five minute standing ovation for her performance as Queen Elizabeth II in Stephen Frears' T*he Queen*. After seeing the film over Thanksgiving break, I can clearly see why.

The film is an intimate portrait of the correspondence and relationship between HM Queen Elizabeth II and the newly appointed Prime Minister Tony Blair (Michael Sheen) during the tumultuous time following Princess Diana's death on August 31, 1997. The conflict arises when the Royal family declares that Diana's funeral should be a private family mourning, and the British people demand that her funeral be public. Blair's opinion resides with the British people, and he tries to coax Elizabeth II and Prince Philip (James Cromwell) to have a public funeral.

Elizabeth's traditional upbringing that emphasized limited emotions and dealing with hardship in a private manner clashes with the public's demand for change in the Royal house and to bend tradition over the death of their beloved princess, though Diana and Prince Charles (Alex Jennings) divorced the year before. Blair's election promises dealt with the issue of modernizing Britain, and he tries to overcome his intimidation of the Queen, which is understandable since the first Prime Minister under her was the elevated Winston Churchill.

The public becomes even more animatedly unhappy when the Royal family decides to go to their vacation home at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. Elizabeth and Philip reason that it's best for the boys, William and Harry, to be away from all the publicity surrounding their mother's death. It is no secret that Elizabeth and Philip disliked Diana for numerous reasons, which made the proposal of a public mourning much more difficult. As history shows, eventually Elizabeth agreed to return to London and succumb to the public's wishes.

My feelings about Queen Elizabeth II ran the gamut of emotions: In the beginning I despised her for disliking Diana, this seemingly angelic princess who died at the hands of the paparazzi and suffered at the hands of a suffocating aristocracy. I found her unyielding and stoic, but these feelings changed as I realized that she grew up in a different era, a time that embraced tradition and dealt with emotions in a different way.

As she was walking through the garden with HM The Queen Mother (Sylvia Syms), Elizabeth mentioned how times have changed so much, and that one day she woke up and her people hated her for following the traditions the monarchy has observed for centuries. Her mother replies that she took the vow as Queen to serve the British people until her dying day. After hearing this, Elizabeth decides to change: a woman raised on tradition changes decades later for the sake of her people.

The Royal family isn't perfect: this film reveals some of their self-

Photo from online source

ish and intolerant behaviors, but they're human. Yes, they are born into magnanimous amounts of wealth, but they're still human and flawed. Mirren's remarkable performance portrays the inner conflicts of a ruler who maintains a solid exterior while her interior is rocky. Hail, Helen. **Rating: A**

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Calendar

December 1, 2006

Men's and Women's Swimming at Wooster Invitational

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting -- MCC 255

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:15 PM Academic Standards Committee Meetings -- Thompson-Clark 206

7:00 PM Students' Senior Recital: Marie Gott, voice and Anna Long, saxophone -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

December 2, 2006

SGA-Sponsored ChristmasTrip to Pittsburgh

Pennsylvania District V Honors Band Rehearsals -- Orr Auditorium

Men's and Women's Swimming at Wooster Invitational

12:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Lindsay Byers -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

1:00 PM Students' Senior Recital: Katherine Menhorn, voice and Rachel Hammond, piano -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

2:00 PM Pennsylvania District V Honors Band Concert -- Orr Auditorium

3:00 PM Senior Recital: Rachel Hammond, piano, and Katherine Menhorn, voice -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Muskingum (H)

3:00 PM Student Senior Recital: Lindsay Byers, voice -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Geneva

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (2 Vans) -- Meet at MCC Entrance

December 3, 2006

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Guardian -- MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM WC Orchestra Concert -- Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Vespers (Communion) -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311/312

December 4, 2006

11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

12:00 PM The Holcad Staff Meeting -- MCC 255

5:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting -- Old Main 213

5:00 PM CPC Meeting -- MCC Club

7:00 PM SGA's All-Campus Christmas Party

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

December 5, 2006

12:45 PM SIFE Meeting -- Patterson 114

3:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting -- MCC 352

4:15 PM Phi Alpha Theta Colloquium -- Patterson 131

5:00 PM Chemistry Department Capstone Presentations -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:30 PM Praise Team -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting -- MCC 255

7:00 PM Women's Basketball at Allegheny

7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: To Be and To Have, 2002, France -- MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Faculty Brass Ensemble -- MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:30 PM ALLIES Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 315

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting -- Thompson-Clark 314

9:30 PM Newman Club -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

December 6, 2006

11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting -- MCC 255

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting -- MCC 352

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM International Celebration -- MCC Club/Lounge

5:00 PM S.W.A.T. Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:00 PM Circle K Meeting -- Patterson 112

7:30 PM Men's Basketball vs. Allegheny (H)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:30 PM SIFE Truth and Myths -- MCC Mueller Theater

9:00 PM Ski and Snowboard Club Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship -- MCC Club/Lounge

December 7, 2006

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM YPS Alternative Gift Market -- MCC Carlson Atrium (Level Three)

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting -- MCC 255

5:00 PM Seekers Core Team Meeting -- MCC 352

5:15 PM College Republicans Meeting -- Patterson 231

5:30 PM International Cultures Club -- Thompson-Clark 314

5:30 PM Chapel Staff Meeting -- Old Main 211

7:00 PM Gospel Choir -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Kappa Delta Pi Meeting -- Patterson 311

7:00 PM SGA Meeting -- MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Kappa Delta Pi Fall Colloquium Featuring Guest Speaker, Cynthia Clark, "The Power of Imagination Leads to Exponential Education" (open to all campus) -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

Sudoku!

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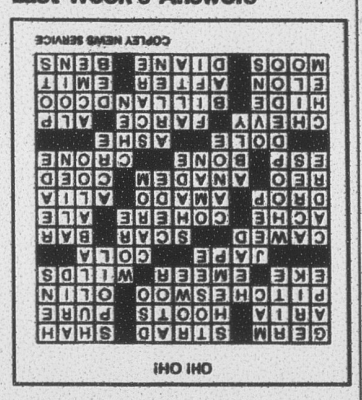

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A parent, mentor or elder is very protective of you. Allow yourself to be comforted or rocked in their net of security.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Thoughts of vacation or fun in the sun are very much on your mind. Start making plans for the big escape.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): It might be necessary to carry more than your share of a financial load. Do your best to be sympathetic and accommodating.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Enjoy attending a cultural event or lecture. Note a variety of different customs, costumes or culinary favorites.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Strive to stabilize or organize your work environment. Concentrate on being productive and managing time efficiently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): It is important to be considerate or sensitive to the needs of your loved ones. Allow them to offer their input in formulating your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Emotions runs strong and will take center stage. Make an honest attempt to be more sensitive and less apathetic or indifferent to the people around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Mental games or power plays are par for the course. Avoid a manipulative negotiation, heated argument or desperate disagreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This would be a great time to review your budget. Consider changes that will result in the achievement of your fiscal goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Act on a personal project that has been under review or consideration for some time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Keep in mind, thoughts create your actual reality. Begin by visualizing the most perfect or ideal situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Honesty and a candid expression of your ideas are very attractive or appealing. Earn their trust and respect.

Crossword

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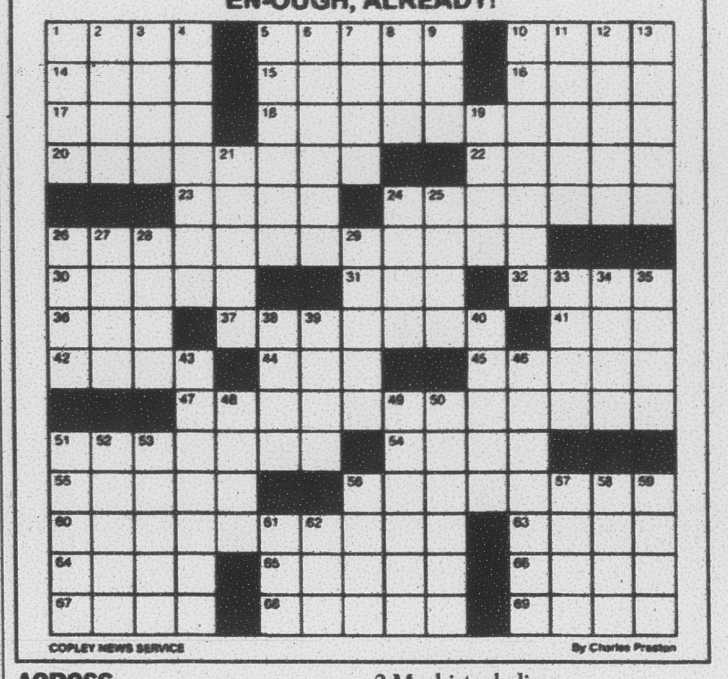

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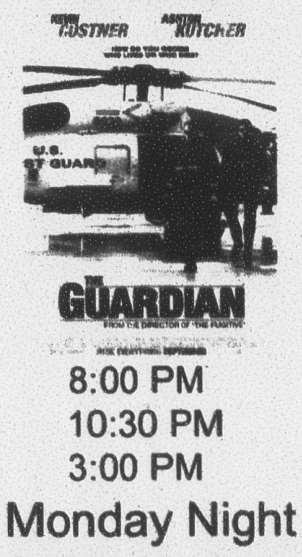
"The Guardian"



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8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00 PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room
December 4th Carolina at Philadelphia
Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

COMING SOON...

Dec. 8 Titan's Tavern-Valley Below, JD Eicher & Nikki Douglas
Jan. 20 Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 26 Jazz Concert
Jan. 27 Chapel Staff Benefit Concert
Feb. 2 Amnesty Intl. Poetry Contest
Feb. 3 Night Owl Bowling
Feb. 10 Murder Mystery Dinner
Feb. 16 Mardi Gras
Feb. 16 Titan's Tavern
Feb. 17 Night Owl Bowling
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Features

If it *is* broken, don't expect others to do something about it

Jenn Corkadel
Features Editor

This week, my anger stems from apathy.

Personal apathy, whether it is present in a student or adult, often even in students of adult age, is the single determining factor in the success and quality of a person's life.

I am not speaking of political apathy, the stance taken by most of the American population regarding offices lower than the Presidency. That one, I can empathize with, given the current options available and the majority of people I agree with politically (myself included) being under the required thirty-five years of age for candidacy.

I am meaning the current choices I see being made, whether knowingly to abstain from action, or simple unawareness of the possibility of efforts to be made on this small campus.

Somehow, the complaints I overhear that employ fallacious facts as well as flawed and often personally centered arguments do not make it into others' heads simply by stating them loudly in the TUB. You have to write a weekly column or something.

Not quite. Obviously that's not a way that many can take charge as *The Holcad* is such a highly selective organization, but it does show a kind of initiative. Without applying, I would not hold this position.

If there is a role you believe you could better fill on this campus, whether it be Student Government Senator or a publications editor, then you must make efforts to secure it.

Students on this campus are of widely varying academic strengths and backgrounds, as well as different political persuasions and personal interests, ensuring there are capable applicants for the plethora of organizations.

Initiative and genuine concern are what allow interested individuals to set themselves apart from the masses, as well as find the appropriate organization(s) to devote their efforts toward on campus.

Just because you sang in choir since the sixth grade does not mean you must continue if you are no longer interested – Mom and Dad can't really say anything about it.

Conversely, if you have never been involved in theater, you may still audition if you enjoy the visual and performing arts course you recently completed but parts will not be handed to you freely.

Internships, those coveted summer positions that are intended to advance careers yet only occasionally benefit bank accounts, are distributed regularly by the Career Center, yet relatively few people that I know have participated in one yet.

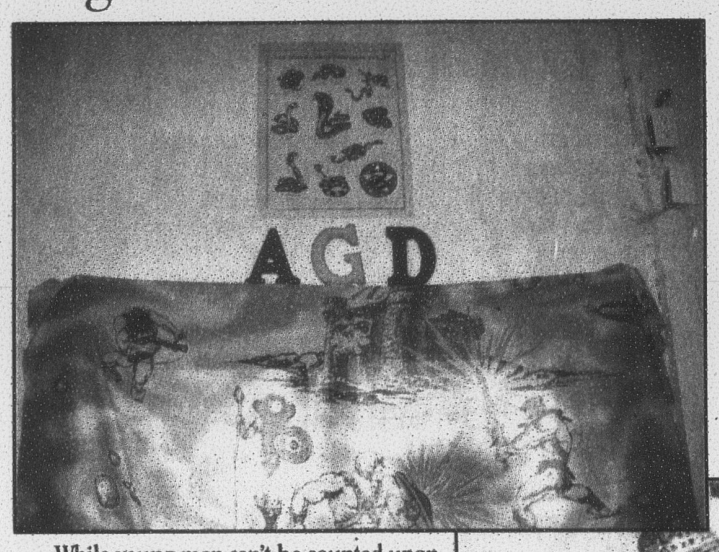
Knowing that most of my contacts are juniors and that a large number of the most common majors (outside of education) require or encourage an internship experience, this is slightly alarming, education majors and minors not being an exception to hands-on experience by participating in multiple field and practicum experiences through their major coursework.

If your advisor brings an internship up as a possibility, why would it not be of the utmost importance? At the same token, if you are doing nothing better with yourself over the summer, what is it hurting?

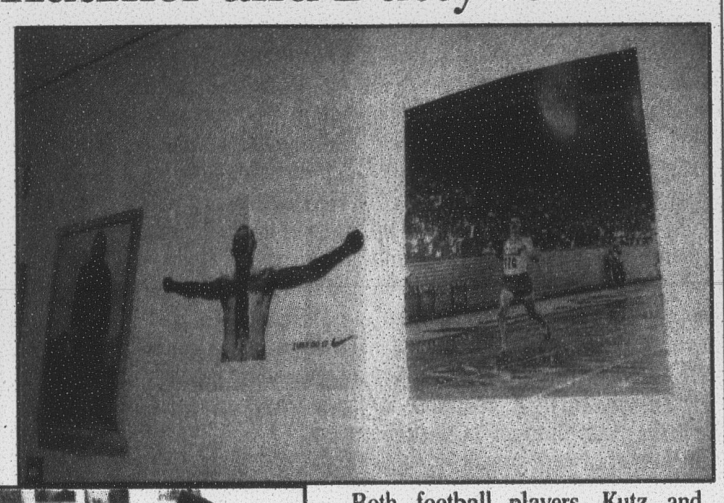
Jenn is a junior English major and writing minor whose sleep is still disrupted following last weekend's adventures at the Banana Republic Factory Store; she hopes this weekend doesn't get any ideas about giving a repeat performance.

WC Cribs

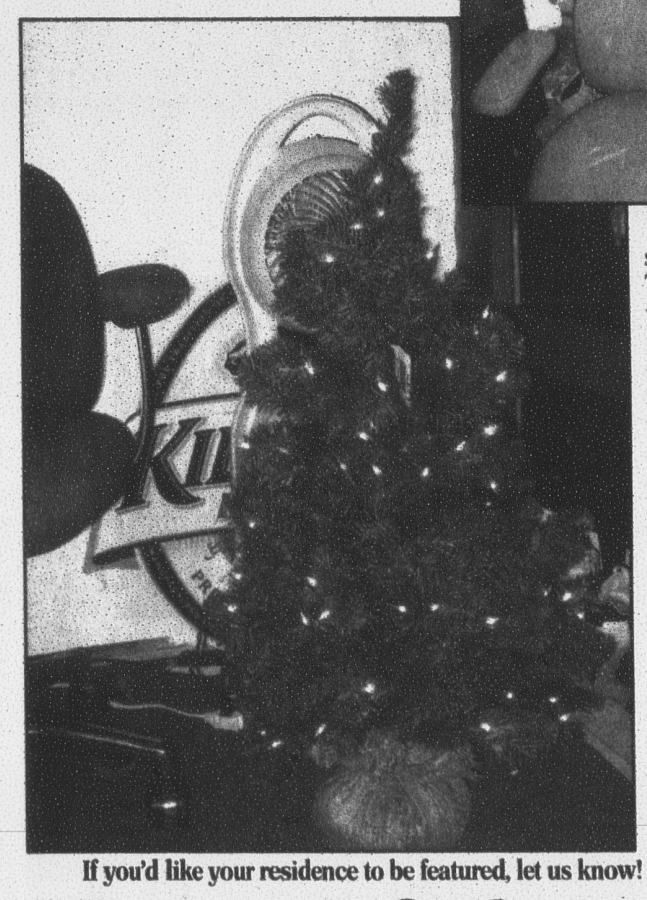
This week, Features Editor Jenn Corkadel chills in the Sigma Nu annex with Josh Kutzner and Dusty Rhodes



While young men can't be counted upon for coordinated decor, they are always able to provide interesting alternatives. Here, a He-Man, She-Ra, and Skeletor window treatment diffuses bright afternoon light.

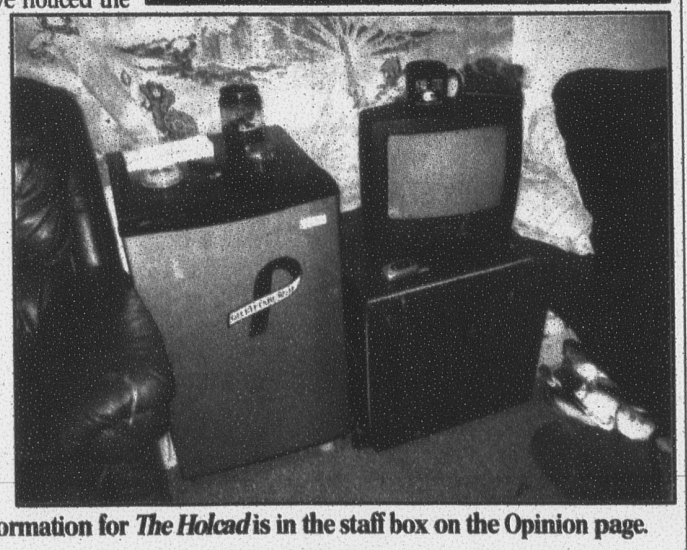


Both football players, Kutz and Dusty also enjoy a good game on the PS2, though studies still have a distinct time and place.



Christmas spirit is strong, even in Sig Nu. Though the small tree was prelit and I may or may not have noticed the tag still attached, the guys recieve an "A" for effort.

Considering the walk to the main house to reach the kitchen, the dual refrigerators are a no-brainer.



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Turn of the century Titans

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"For from my heart thine image ne'er shall go." (King Henry IV, Part III 2.5.116)

Painting an image of our alma mater at the turn of the twentieth-century will paint a portrait that we, as their successors, should consider.

Students attended the first classes held in the newly built Mary Thompson Science Hall in memory of Professor Thompson's daughter, who died earlier in 1886.

The Class of 1895 marked the first class that graduated with caps and gowns from Westminster College.

In June of 1895 the Board of Trustees received petitions outraged at the activity of secret fraternities on Westminster's campus. The Board advised the faculty to "exercise all proper means to rid the college of the fraternities complained of." Later that December, 20 petitioning students left Westminster, objecting to the College's apparent inaction.

Basketball arrived at Westminster in March of 1896. The Holcad ran the quote, "Basketball has reached Westminster and the Sophs and Freshmen are preparing to demolish each other in this indoor football."

In 1899, Westminster football reached a new zenith. After winning six straight games, Westminster lost its last two–after coach Mr. Ziegler had left the team for those games. The team still captured the Northwest Pennsylvania College League championship.

In the spring of 1900 the baseball team proved Westminster's national significance when they won the Intercollegiate Championship. In that same year, John Cameron pitched a 23-0 shut-out against Bethany and a 34-4 victory over Geneva, among other notable games.

In 1900 Westminster also added a natural sciences and modern language department. Those studying the modern language could now focus in English literature, and American literature course between 1865-1880.

In September of 1900 scarlet fever gripped Westminster, causing the term to close three weeks early.

In 1902, R. G. Deevers thrust Westminster's track program onto the national forum. At the Pan-american Field Meet in Buffalo, Deevers placed first in the broad jump and second in the 100 yard dash. Westminster placed fifth in the Pan-American Field Meet ahead of Yale, Princeton, and various larger universities.

On March 4, 1901 the muse, Polyhymnia, gave birth to Westminster's Hymn at a Glee Club concert directed by Professor M. L. Peterson. With words written by Professor of Greek, Dr. Morgan Barnes, the music followed the melody of Meyerbeer's opera, "Les Huguenots."

In the spring of 1901, Westminster's one-mile track relay won the National Intercollegiate Field Meet in Philadelphia. Reports were quickly telephoned to those waiting at the college, and upon hearing the fantastic news the students celebrated with a parade and bonfire.

1902 marked Westminster's largest graduating class to date with 56 graduating students.

A proud portrait of Westminster emerges from the turn of the twentieth-century. May we honor the longstanding excellence of our institution and continue to represent her as positively as our predecessors.

Is it just me? Is it unrealistic to try to ban use of the "N" word?

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

OK, so I know that most of us have read or even seen the clips of Michael Richards, better known to the world as Kramer, going off on a racist rant at a Los Angeles comedy club.

Richards, who was being heckled by members of the audience, snapped and shot some extremely racist comments at the men, who were both black.

Richards was also quoted as saying, "50 years ago you would have been hung upside down with a fork in your ___."

The comedian, who was a household name for his character on *Seinfeld*, has once again become a household name, but this time for something far less humorous.

Days after his racist episode, Richards appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman, via satellite, and tried to apologize, saying that he's not a racist. (Hmm…ok?)

More talk circulated about comments and the use of the "N' word in general. Now there are people who are trying to get the word banned from public settings, songs, movies, etc. The question I ask is, "Can that really happen?"

It seems that lately I have been writing a lot of stories that have racial undertone. Those were not my intentions in getting involved with the Holcad, but it would almost be unnatural not to touch this subject. Since this is something that I am very familiar with, I figured, "Hey, who better to write about it than me?"

In this section of the article, I will be spelling out the word, not because I want to to offend anyone, but because I feel that its use is necessary in getting the full concept of its history in this country.

According to a 2005 article in the African American Registry, the history of the word nigger is often traced to the Latin word niger, meaning black. This word became the noun negro (black person) in English, and simply the color black in Spanish and Portuguese.

In Early Modern French niger became negre and, later, negress (black woman) was unmistakably a part of lexical history, but it is probable that the word nigger as it is used today is a phonetic spelling of the white Southern mispronunciation of the word Negro.

For years the word has been used in to belittle people who were of African decent.

As time went on, it seemed as if, when one wanted say something that would completely demean a person or a group, the "N" word would be somewhere in the midst. (Some people refer to Jewish people as White "N", Arab people as Sand "N" and even Japanese people as Yellow "N.")

It's clear that the use of this disgusting word has made its mark as the most used racial slur. Can it go away?

Recently the word has become common use within the group that it was originally created to put down, African Americans. It is not uncommon to hear the word rolling off of the tongues of black children and infested in the lyrics of much of today's top music.

Rap is the biggest genre of music that the word seems to be welcomed in. Some say that it expresses the struggle, or just a way to relate to the audience that is listening.

Many people wonder, "Why can black people say the word and white people can't?" To that question I honestly can't say that I have a valid answer.

Many black people say that they use it because for many years it was used to degrade them, so they took a word that was intended to hurt and turned it into something to embrace. The "er" at the end of the original word has been replaced with an "a" so it is believe to not mean the same thing.

In that moment I felt as if I was taken back to a time when that word was all some people had as a complete definition of themselves; a time where black people were told they were, and soon that's what they believed.

Now, some may be offended by what I'm about to say, but I must admit that I have used the "new form" of the "N" word at times; while talking to friends or singing a song, and I never found it to be offensive.

Growing up in the inner city of Youngstown, it was never shown to me in an offensive light, so it was just another way of expressing untiy in some weird way.

But I remember the first time that I experienced blatant racism; the first time I was called a "black N." I can recall those feelings that arose inside of me and the hatred in the eyes of the man saying it.

In that moment I felt as if I was taken back to a time when that word was all some people had as a complete definition of themselves; a time where black people were told they were, and soon that's what they believed. They didn't have the opportunity to educate themselves in order to realize their true worth; they were just an "N."

Needless to say, when I came back to myself, I gave that man a piece of my ever moving mind.

I remember thinking about the situation that night. I remember saying to myself that when that word was said with friends I felt none of the emotions that I felt when this man, who happened to be white, said it, yet it was the same word.

I'm not sure that its use would change in songs, movies and comedy acts. I would like for it to, but I truly believe that would be beyond a stretch.

I think that for the word to start to dwindle in its usage, the mentality of a lot of people has to change as it did for me. It shouldn't be ok for anyone to use the word, whether they are black or white.

For years the "N" word has been used to disgrace people with dark skin, to tell them that they are less than, and will never be equal to. Its intentions were to remind people of color that they are uneducated, and that because of their skin, they will be on the bottom forever.

I don't think that replacing the "er" for a "a" can truly change that definition. The thing is, many people don't look at the history behind what they say, they don't think about the lives that have been affected in the past by those who were given the "power" to use such words without consequence.

Most don't think about the people who suffered so that the generations of today wouldn't fall victim to the infamous "N" word. So, to the question, why can black people use the "N" word and white people can't, I ask, why would *anyone* want to?

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.

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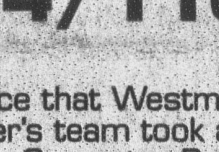

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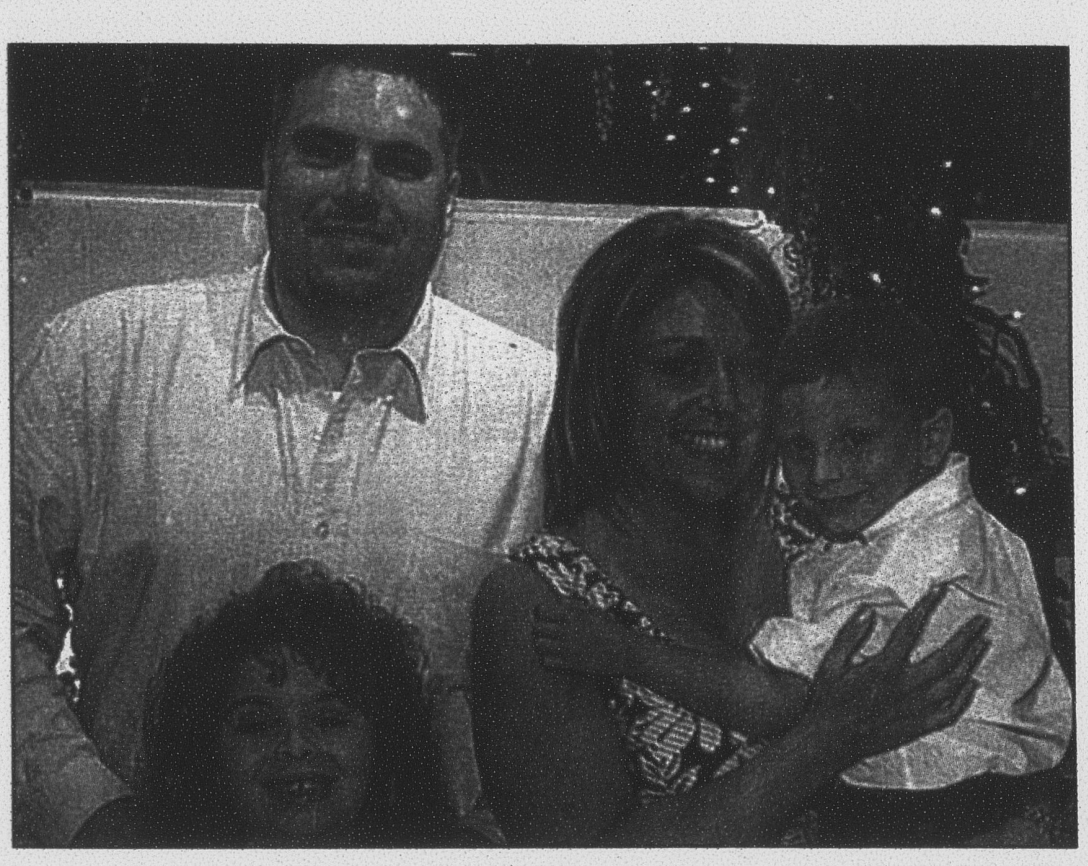

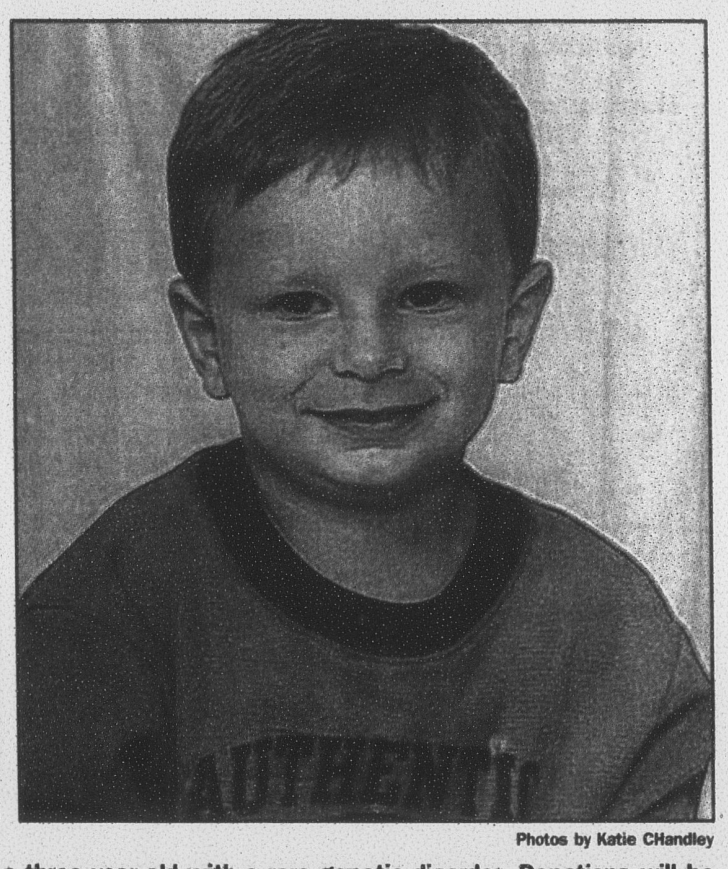

Photos by Katie CHandley

Several professors are joining with students to raise money for Jordan Jack of Grove City, a three-year-old with a rare genetic disorder. Donations will be taken until Monday, Dec. 11 for the opportunity to see professors clean-shaven for finals.

By Katie Chandley
Staff writer

Both students and faculty are sacrificing their facial hair to help raise money for 3-year old Jordan Jack of Grove City.

Jordan was diagnosed with the rare genetic disorder, Griscelli Syndrome, which has left him severely disabled. He currently undergoes bi-weekly chemotherapy treatments and his doctors are helping him to regain strength and more brain functions so he can sustain a bone marrow transplant.

Unfortunately, medical bills are piling up for the Jacks and Dr. Jeff Bersett is helping to ensure the family has a happy holiday. He asks that WC students and staff donate some spare change for a chance to decide whether their favorite professors will show up to finals clean shaven. All proceeds will be given to the Jacks, who reside locally in Grove City.

"I have a son who is only a little younger than Jordan, and I'm not sure I can even imagine how difficult this must all be for them" Bersett said. He first heard of the Jack's situation from his wife, who works with Jordan's grandmother at Slippery Rock University.

Slippery Rock has held many fundraisers for Jordan including their own "Save it or Shave it". They have also sold rubber bracelets, held a rap concert, and the proceeds from an all-greek fundraiser were given to the family.

Participating Westminster faculty includes David Swerdlow, Matt Sivils, Tim Sherwood, David Shaffer, Jim Rhoads, Bryan Rennie, Joel Postema, Jim Perkins, Jamie McMinn, David Goldberg, Tim Cuff, Ed Cohen and the fundraiser's coordinator, Jeff Bersett. Dr. Bersett is thrilled with his colleagues' willingness to shed their whiskers for a good cause. "I'm proud to be associated with these people. I have been impressed with the way that the SRU community has rallied around Jordan, and I thought it would be right for our community to do the same."

Students and faculty should stop by the TUB today and Monday from 10am to 1pm to vote. As of now, no official "shaving" event has been planned, but participants will be clean shaven in time to show off their new face for finals week. To learn more about Jordan Jack and his progress, visit his website at www.caringbridge.com/visit/jordanjack to read updated journal entries.

Dr. Na and student travel to Scotland

By Debbie Sanchez
Campus writer

During the second week of June, sophomore Chris Stone accompanied Dr. Kang Na on a 10-day trip to Edinburgh, Scotland to present a paper at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Stone is the son of the Rev. William and Jenni Stone of New Wilmington. He assisted Na in some of the research of "Hermeneutics and Postmodernity: A Methodological Sachkritik," which is about certain aspects of interpreting the Bible. Na was impressed with Stone's ability as an assistant during the semester prior to their trip, since much of the language used in the research material is difficult for anyone without a higher level of specialization.

This was not Na's first trip to an international meeting with a student. Previously, he took a different student research assistant to Singapore, and is looking forward to the possibility of a similar experience for next year's meeting in Vienna, Austria. He feels that it is very worthwhile for students to have this kind of opportunity because it allows for collaborative work between the student and the professor which is rare in the humanities. The research can expand the student's knowledge, and the international meetings can open students' minds to new ideas, eyes to new sights and experiences, and their lives to new and exciting experiences. Na said that he believes that it is important to have the chance to look at home from the outside.

"I hope that Westminster will be able to afford more of these sorts of experiences," said Na. "Thankfully the Heinz Foundation offers us support."

Stone greatly appreciated his opportunity to experience new places, tastes, and cultures as well as the chance to meet new people. They arrived a few days early in order to make final preparations for the presentation and to get over jet lag. He spent much of his spare time exploring the city and surrounding area, trying new things.

"The food was amazing," said Stone. "I even tried haggis, and loved it. It was delicious, and you can't even tell what you are eating."

Other memorable experiences that Stone found amazing include a trip to Loch Ness, the ancient architecture throughout the city, and the chance to visit two historically important churches, St. Giles Cathedral, where Presbyterianism began, and Greyfriar's Cathedral where he attended a service in Gaelic. Stone also was excited to have the chance to meet many interesting people, including Patrick Miller, a theologian who writes for clergy who Stone grew up hearing about from his father.

"It was exciting to meet some of the scholars that my father has referenced in his sermons," said Stone.

Stone's father was glad that his son had this opportunity.

"Chris had a wonderful experience of Edinburgh in its rich diversity, its scholarly heritage, rich culture, and its everyday ways," said Rev. Stone.

Like Na, Stone believes that international travel and study is an important way to get to know yourself better.

"I wish more students were able and willing to participate in this type of experience," said Stone. "I'm glad I was able to go."

Culture Week to be held as preview to festival

By Jenna C. Retort
Campus writer

As the semester draws to a close, some students are preparing for the melting pot of Culture Week.

The event is being organized by SGA and Diversity Services, and will be held on December 11 and 12 on the second floor of the McKelvey Campus Center. Culture Week is a preview of the International Festival which will be held on Wednesday, December 13 and will celebrate many cultures and lifestyles.

"Culture Week is to get the campus excited for International Festival," Diversity Chair Joselyn Parker said .

Some of the cultures that will be on display during culture week include Trinidad, Mexico, Spain, Panama, and the former Czechoslovakia. In addition, there will be samples of food, flags, dancing, and other traditions from these cultures.

"Culture week seems like a great way to learn about other cultures, especially since my high school wasn't really diverse; I learned little of the customs of others," sophomore Sarah Petcovic said.

Moreover, one student will be demonstrating hair weaving and braiding techniques. Also known as hair integration, hair weaving is the addition of hair to the scalp and is a form of hair extension.

"I love braiding hair; I have been doing it for about 8 or nine years," Junior Akesha Joseph said. "Some find it difficult to catch on when they're first learning, but once you get it you never forget it."

Part of culture week is embracing all backgrounds and lifestyles. One such lifestyle is that of a disabled person.

Some disabled people are easier to identify because they might use a wheel chair or a cane, but there are many disabilities that are not as easily observed.

Some disabilities that are common, but often overlooked are Dyslexia and Attention Deficit Disorder. Living with a disability might create many obstacles that are not obvious.

"We want people to understand what life is like for a handicapped person, and the circumstances that they might face," Parker said.

Students premiere movies at mini-festival

By Kristin Nikolaison
Staff writer

Consumer technology of today has advanced so much that people can make a professional looking movie just using their digital camera or cell phone.

This is what the video production students were trying to prove at their mini-movie festival on Dec. 3. The students premiered movies that they had made using consumer products. The event took place at lunch time and was open to the entire campus.

"It was nice that we could show off our work to the entire campus, because we had a way to get some quick feedback from the audience after the show was over," broadcasting major Alex Hines said. "Hopefully we can take that with us and improve our work in the future."

The idea for the festival was based on a one-minute cell phone movie competition that Ithaca College had several years ago. Professor Bradley Weaver of the communications department was responsible for the idea.

"I wanted to add my twist on that idea and empower students with the technology they have at home," Weaver said. "I wanted them to be able to apply the video production techniques and approaches learned in BC 251 to the digital technology now available to everyone."

The students premiered 16 mini-movies and four group projects at the event, which combined together lasted almost an hour. The films were on diverse topics, from decorating a dorm room for Christmas to racism.

"It was amazing; I never knew you could do so much with just a digital camera and a computer," Christian education major Katie Thompson said. "Everyone did an excellent job; they all looked very professional."

Audience members were able to vote for their favorite film, and prizes will be given to the winners. The results have not yet been revealed. The prize for the student who made the audience favorite is the DVD set of Lost: Season One. A judge was also present at the event. The student who created the movie he picked will win a DVD of Crash.

"This film festival was a valuable experience that helped all of us students to gain feedback," sophomore broadcast major Nicky Piszczor said

The goal of this event was to show students how to bring the skills they learned to their personal movie making as well.

"I want students, regardless of their career aspirations, to be able to transfer the skills, experiences and professional practices learned from shooting and editing sports, news and commercials back to their personal lives," Weaver said.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Your memories are just as important as mine.

It's a pity when students are babysitters for their professors.

I'm amazed she can find her nose, let alone her brain.

There is a certain aura of death around here.

Oh God, snow!

I think I'll go for a walk.

I have a grand money-making scheme!

Oh, make me over.

Don't hide; the snake can see you.

I will not stand in silence.

Oh no! It's multiplying AND dividing!

Besad me!

I've been burning in water and drowning in flame...

El Niño means "The Niño!"

That's a myth perpetrated by right-wing nutjobs and old women.

I won't back down.

It's science, alright: science fiction!

This may be the longest week of my life.

I have no finals!

I have five finals :-(

...Kaj vi scios nin je la vojo de mortinta

Hokey religions and ancient weapons are no match for a good blaster at your side, kid.

Let the UGG boot onslaught begin.

God, it's cold.

Get me out of here!

Her hands were cold, so cold I wanted to be the one to warm them.

Pancakes!

No one can read anything you write, silly.

Your music is almost as beautiful as you are.

People and places, never related or desired.

Those peanut butter chocolate things are delicious, but too big! TUB, cut them in half!

I have every right to demand things. It's MY education.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Turn and face the strange… ch-ch-changes

Bill Shondelmyer
Piece of Mind

Well, another semester draws to a close here at our Mother Fair, and I must say, this semester resembles a train accident.

At times like these I like to meditate upon Lazlo's Chinese Relativity Axiom, which states that "no matter how great your triumphs, or tragic your defeats, approximately one billion Chinese couldn't care less."

That being said, I still have to wonder how I got myself into this mess.

Somewhere along the line, I forgot how to be a student. Some have suggested senior-itis, but I think it came long before. Either way, finals cannot come soon enough.

Then come the holidays, which tend to be torture for those of us with non-traditional families.

I have been trying to approach this holiday season in a more positive fashion, but it's not easy.

My decade-long quest to define "family" is near to a close, so I no longer have an excuse for being cranky about this batch of over-commercialized, short-sighted, closed-minded, misinformed…

Umm, I should probably get to my point: people change. I could bore you to death with personal examples of how I have changed in my twenty-odd years of existence, but instead, have the usual series of questions:

What is the most important thing in your life?

How would you have answered at the beginning of the semester? One year ago? Five? Ten? Twenty?

Okay, perhaps I need clearer examples, or at least ones that don't bring back fond memories of college application essays.

How about this one:

What did you want to be when you grew up?

Or perhaps: have you grown apart from any friends, for any reason, since high school?

Or even: can you make a pie from scratch? Would you be willing to make me one? Could this involve chocolate in some way?

Okay, so maybe the pie thing makes for a poor example, but hopefully, you see my point. If you do, then consider just this week.

When you woke up Monday morning, what were your goals? Do you still have the same goals today? For the most part, yes, but some of your goals have since been accomplished, or at the very least have ceased being useful.

Verbosity is getting the better of me, so I'll quit waffling and get to the point: you have changed this week. Perhaps only in the most miniscule of ways, but change has occurred.

You are not the same person you were when you were five, or 15, or 20. Unless you are twenty now, in which case…

You wake up every morning hoping to accomplish something slightly different from the day before, whether you realize it or not. For better or worse, our goals change as we change.

Now, I am not saying that goals are what define us. Hardly. They just serve as convenient examples. If your goals are the only things that define you, chances are that something needs to change in your priorities list.

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Family has nothing to do with blood.

Now, take a look at those around you. You are not the only person who has changed this week/semester/year/decade, but you likely approach at least one person on campus as though they are the same person that you met four years ago. Or four weeks ago.

Try to adapt to change, be it your own or everyone else's. And for those of you who were curious:

Family has nothing to do with blood. They are the people you call when you succeed, they are the people you call in tears. They care about you, and want only the best for you. They can be your friends, your significant other, or the faculty at your college.

They can come and go with time, but each leaves an indelible mark on you, one that gives you strength and determination.

Love them or hate them, they are still part of what makes you the wonderful person that you are.

These are just some things that came to mind during Thanksgiving break with my adoptive family. I encourage you to find your own definition for the word.

And to my family, who will likely read the entirety of this column, just because I wrote it:

Thank you.

Bill is a senior computer information systems major. He enjoys tea, ska and midnight trips to Sheetz. He secretly likes the holidays, but refuses to admit to it. He would also like to point out that he is spending Christmas in Arizona, where the current temperatures are in the 70s.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Westminster AAUP praises college president

In the "Message from the President" in the last Westminster College Magazine (summer, 2006), you wrote admirably about the Westminster faculty. In response to what you wrote, the Westminster chapter of the American Association of University Professors would like to express its deep appreciation.

In contrast to the visibility of the "bricks and mortar" that make up the buildings on our campus, you correctly characterized the work of Westminster's faculty as being much more elusive yet essential to Westminster's mission. For this we applaud you.

With as much needed exhortation as kudos, you pointed out that professors work throughout the year, not just the academic year, "to stay current in their respective scholarly disciplines." We are thrilled by your words because many students and alumni–and at times even members of the faculty themselves–often do not recognize fully the unseen efforts and the invisible hand of every professor who contributes to the welfare of Mother Fair.

We are also elated to see that you see the scholarly pursuits of our faculty in a holistic way. Although research and other scholarly work–including those of the musical, visual, and performing arts–may be perceived at times as being in tension with the duties of teaching and mentoring, you noted splendidly that professors advance "their role as teachers and mentors by continuing their scholarship." We thank you not only for noticing the hard work of Westminster faculty but also for commending us on our "remarkable research activity."

Heartened by your clear vision of what goes on day in and day out in the life of professors, we are further encouraged by your ambitious vision of Westminster's future. Even though we have raised to date only a third of the $2,000,000 you have envisioned for the Faculty Development Endowed Fund, we are sure that every professor at Westminster will look forward to the benefits that the FDEF will bring to our scholarly pursuits and thereby also to our teaching and mentoring. We also trust that our students know that they are the implicit beneficiaries of such an endowment.

To those alumni and classes that have already contributed to the endowment goal, we take our hats off in sincere appreciation of the investment they have made in the faculty for the benefit of the entire college. For accentuating the importance of the faculty at Westminster and for raising funds for our work, we thank you very much and encourage others to follow your lead in keeping the foundation of the faculty always in mind as all of us together build our common future that is Westminster College.

With gratitude and encouragement,

Kang Na

Associate Professor of Religion

On behalf of the Westminster chapter of AAUP

Student takes quest to reinstate cancelled class to presidential level

Dear Editor,

I wanted to inform you about what has happened with my cancelled class. My friend John and I have visited a lot of people to try to get the class reinstated. So far, no luck.

I finally learned who has control over cancelled classes. John and I went to visit him last Monday. We felt like he didn't particularly care about what we had to say and that we were basically wasting his valuable time.

He did offer a couple solutions for me to consider instead of taking the class. First, he told me I am intelligent and should buy the book and read it myself.

This seems like a pretty good idea to me. When I go on a job interview and they ask me what classes I've taken, I can tell them not to worry because I read the book myself.

May I ask what reading the book is going to do for me? It's a pretty demanding class and I don't think that reading the book will prepare me to perform my job well.

Second, he suggested I take the class online from another school. As if I'm not paying enough money to go to school here, why would I want to pay more money and take the class online?

He said that as business majors, we should understand that he is just trying to run a business and cut costs. Well, if this is his business, I guess that makes me the customer. I am not a satisfied customer. Since he is unwilling to offer the class, I would like a refund for those four credits that I will no longer be taking. It's only natural in the business world, to meet the expectations of customers or else suffer the consequences, including offering refunds.

Needless to say, John and I weren't pleased with the results of that meeting. We went to a couple different people, including our advisors and the chair of our department to plead our case with them. While they were all sympathetic and helpful, there isn't much they can do.

When I go on a job interview and they ask me what classes I've taken, I can tell them not to worry because I read the book myself.

Well, if this is his business, I guess that makes me the customer. I am not a satisfied customer.

Finally, last Thursday, John and I made an appointment to meet with President Williamson. We told him our situation and he agreed to look into it for us. I'm supposed to hear back from him some time this week. I certainly hope that he can offer us an acceptable solution.

Rachel Eaton
Senior

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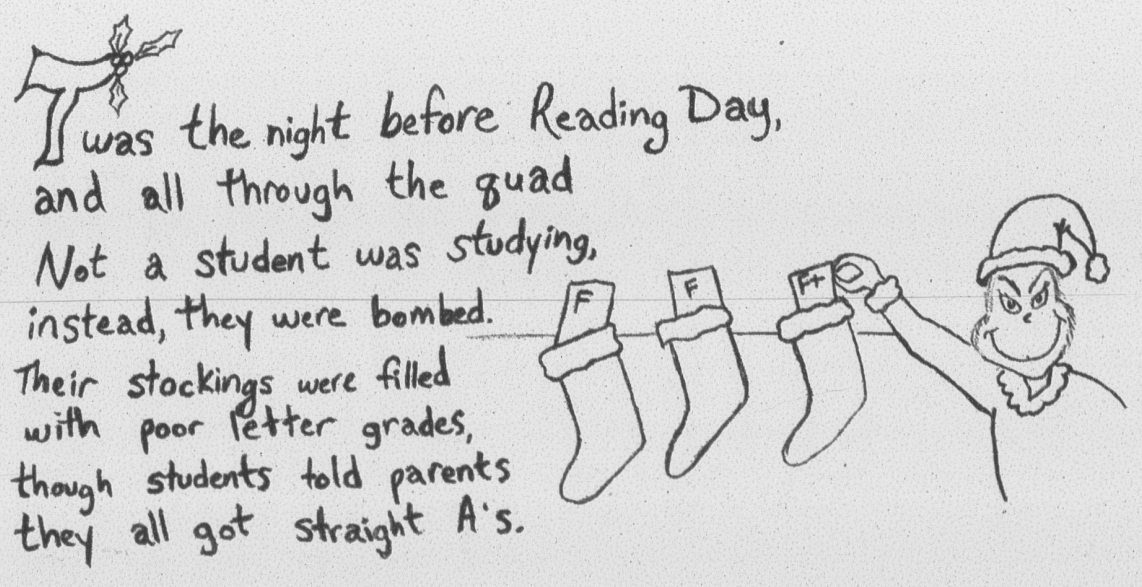

Moral of the story: ***Study for finals***

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Outside the Bubble

Ripped from the wire

AG charges six in Pa.-to-Buffalo gun ring

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Six people were charged in a straw-purchase gun ring that funneled at least 18 firearms from western Pennsylvania to a street gang in Buffalo, N.Y., state prosecutors said Thursday.

"The prosecution is the first in recent memory by our office targeting an organized ring of illegal gun purchasers," said Nils Frederiksen, a spokesman for Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett.

Two crack addicts bought the guns from gun stores in Lawrence and Mercer counties between September 2004 and February 2005, authorities said. The addicts illegally bought the guns on behalf of others and were paid money or drugs to do so, the attorney general charged.

Five suspects were already in custody, including two straw purchasers and three alleged gang members from Buffalo. A sixth person, a juvenile from Buffalo, was still at large Thursday, Frederiksen said.

Pennsylvania authorities said police in Buffalo seized one gun, a .40-caliber semiautomatic pistol, after it was used in a crime on Jan. 30, 2004.

Two restaurant owners sue Allegheny County over smoking ban

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Two restaurants have sued Allegheny County over its recently approved smoking ban.

Mitchell's Bar & Restaurant and the Smithfield Cafe claim the ban would cause irreparable harm to their businesses.

"We do what the customers want, not what some politician wants. This is a free country, this is free enterprise," John Petrolias, owner of the Smithfield Cafe, said Wednesday.

County solicitor Michael H. Wojcik said the ban was appropriate to protect workers' health and restaurant patrons' health. The ban is expected to take effect in January.

The state's Clean Indoor Air Act states that no cities, counties or municipalities can pass additional regulations on indoor smoking. But Wojcik said a prohibition on local ordinances designed to tighten smoking regulations was repealed in another law. Allegheny County Judge Michael A. Della set a trial date for Dec. 18.

Seminole Tribe of Florida buying Hard Rock business, acquiring collection of rock memorabilia

LONDON (AP) - The Seminole Tribe of Florida is buying the Hard Rock business, including its massive collection of rock 'n' roll memorabilia, in a $965 million deal with British casino and hotel company Rank Group PLC, the tribe announced Thursday.

The Hard Rock business includes 124 Hard Rock Cafes, four Hard Rock Hotels, two Hard Rock Casino Hotels, two Hard Rock Live! concert venues and stakes in three unbranded hotels.

With it, the tribe acquires what is said to be the world's largest collection of rock memorabilia, some 70,000 pieces including Jimi Hendrix's Flying V guitar, one of Madonna's bustiers, a pair of Elton John's high-heeled shoes and guitars formerly owned by Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and Chuck Berry.

"This is a proud moment for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and for all Indian tribes," said Mitchell Cypress, chairman of the elected Tribal Council. "It is also an opportunity for the Seminole Tribe to diversify its business operations and help a very successful company to achieve even greater growth."

Cypress and Seminole Gaming Chief Executive James Allen said in a statement the tribe would work with Hard Rock International management to build on existing growth plans.

In addition to its two Seminole Hard Rock hotels & casinos, the Seminole Tribe owns and operates five other casinos in Florida. More than 90 percent of the tribe's budget now comes from gaming revenue.

Nearly 3,300 Seminole Indians live on and off reservations throughout Florida. Rank said it would keep the Hard Rock Casino in London but under the Rank Gaming brand.

U.N. Security Council authorizes regional force to protect Somalia's government

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday authorized an African force to protect Somalia's government against an increasingly powerful Islamic militia, hoping to avert a broader regional conflict that could draw in neighboring countries.

It also lifted an arms embargo against the country to allow the force to be equipped.

The U.S.-sponsored resolution urges the Islamic movement that has taken control of the capital and most of southern Somalia in recent months to stop any further military expansion and join the government in peace talks.

It also threatens Security Council action against those who block peace efforts or attempt to overthrow the government. No measures were mentioned, but they could include sanctions.

The arms embargo against Somalia was imposed in 1992, a year after warlords overthrew dictator Mohamed Siad Barre and then turned on one another. A government was formed two years ago with the help of the U.N., but it has struggled to assert its authority against the Islamic militants.

Critics of the resolution, including some non-governmental organizations, accuse the Security Council of taking sides in the dispute between the government and the Islamic movement, which the U.S. has accused of harboring al-Qaida suspects.

U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said the United States, like many other countries, is concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Somalia and the possibility of a wider regional conflict. He said the regional force would be "a key element in preventing conflict."

There are fears that Somalia could become a proxy battleground for Ethiopia and Eritrea, which fought a border war in 1998-2000.

A confidential U.N. report obtained recently by the AP said 6,000 to 8,000 Ethiopian troops were in Somalia or along the border, supporting the transitional government. It also said 2,000 soldiers from Eritrea were inside Somalia, supporting the Islamic militia. Eritrea denies having any troops in Somalia, while Ethiopia insists it has sent only a few hundred advisers.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Presents for Patients in Lawrence County

Nearly two dozen assisted living and personal care homes in Lawrence County are taking part in the Presents for Patients program.

The holiday project asks for people to donate gifts to long-term patients who often spend the Christmas season alone.

They're continuing the drive for this year's presents. Organizers are asking people to adopt a local resident and to personally deliver the gift to the individual in need. In New Wilmington, the Overlook Medical Center is participating. The facility has 115 residents.

New Wilmington Police Have Stunning New Weapon

The New Wilmington Police Department now has a new way to stop criminals-- officers are armed with tasers.

New Wilmington officers are currently undergoing training from the Sharon Police Department on the proper use of these devices.

Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo says tasers will allow his staff to have an non-lethal weapon when confronting potentially dangerous individuals.

Winter Weather Prompts Snow Advisory

The falling snow and the dropping temperatures have prompted the National Weather Service to issued a snow advisory for our area. Last week we saw sunny skies and temperatures near 70. Now the NWS has issued a Hazardous Weather Outlook and Snow Advisory statement.

The snow advisory remains in effect until 7 a.m. Friday for all of Western Pennsylvania including Lawrence and Mercer Counties. The area saw accumulations of 2 to 4 inches of snow Thursday and another 2 to 4 overnight.

Political Pong: It's Exam Time!

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

The fact is that we should never be armed with the power of a survey. With finals coming up, we decided to make up a final exam of our own, and then subject unsuspecting individuals to our test. If you were in the TUB on Wed., Nov. 29 from about 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., chances are one of us bombarded you and begged you to take our survey.

Apparently, we had nothing better to do with our time other than to make up a political test which we promptly disguised by naming it "Fun Political Quiz". It is tough to admit, but we actually enjoyed giving out this survey, which officially sanctions us as nerds. Point and laugh; it is ok.

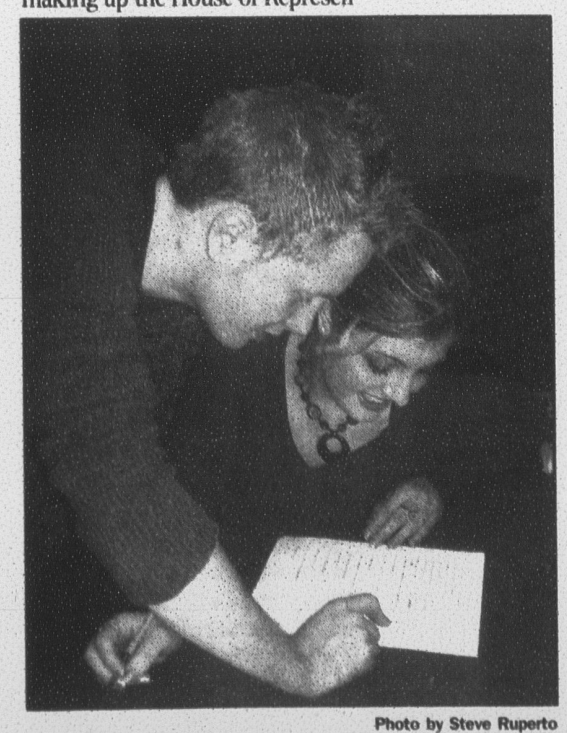
The point of this 18-question political quiz was to ask some basic questions of which you may or may not know the answers, depending on your political knowledge. When we gave students the quiz, we told them that they may not know all the answers but to guess anyway. Some of the answers we got back were hilarious. We even had one student go as far as to cheat by calling a friend who works in the government.

Our first four questions dealt with the number of representatives in government and the term length for these offices. How many members make up the House of Representatives? How many members make up the Senate? How long is a term for a member of the House? How long is a term for the member of the Senate?

We took the answers that the students gave us to find out the average answer to each question. If Westminster students had their way, there would be 351 members making up the House of Representatives, and each member would serve a term of 2.5 years. The Senate would be made up of 83 members with each serving a term of 4.167 years (4 years, 2 months). In actuality, the House of Representatives has 435 members, and the Senate has 100 members. These members serve two and six year terms, respectively.

Next, we asked what the term "GOP" means. We will now take a poll based on some of your answers. Is it a. Government of the People, b. General Obscurity of Politics, c. Governor of Police or d. Grand Old Party? Correct answer? Grand Old Party. It is the nickname of the Republican Party; the two names are interchangeable.

So, what political figure is nicknamed "Tricky Dick?" Is it a. Dick Cheney, b. Bill Clinton, c. some rapper, d. Rick Santorum, e. Dick Clark or f. Richard Nixon? While Dick Cheney may be "Trigger Happy" Dick when he is on a hunting expedition, he is not Tricky Dick. We are not going to even touch why people would give Bill Clinton this nickname. We cannot say with certainty that there is not a rapper named "Tricky Dick," and Senator Santorum's first name is Rick, not Dick. Dick Clark was a nice guy, but the correct answer is Richard Nixon. Because of the Watergate scandal that occurred during his administration, the nickname fit him well.



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Jeremy Lawler and Aimee Gerber work diligently on the political quiz.

Our next question, "What is gerrymandering?" provided the largest variety of responses. The honorable mention column for answers included a form of fundraising, dancing around questions and beating around the bush to waste time. Some of the funnier responses included, "a mouse," "mandering a gerry" (whatever that is), "dancing with an old man," "you don't want to know" and "what Gerald Ford's wife did." One person even told us that gerrymandering occurs when Jerry from the TUB asks "what you got there girl." Gerrymandering actually occurs when the voting districts are redrawn by the party in power in a way that gives them an advantage with voters.

Students, be proud, because this next question provided the highest frequency of correct responses. What animals are commonly associated with the Republican and Democratic Parties? Aside from the horse and giraffe response, everyone else put elephant and donkey. The donkey, which is the Democratic symbol, came from the time of Andrew Jackson. During his campaign, he was called a jackass. Instead of rejecting the term, he took it and made the donkey the symbol of the Democratic Party. The elephant, representing the Republican Party, became the symbol of the party when a cartoon artist labeled an elephant as "the Republican vote" in one of his cartoons.

Until the recent elections, the filibuster was the only tactic that the Democrats had left to try to stop the Republicans from completely ruling the legislature. So, what is a filibuster? Is it a. an oil change, b. a toy at Toys R Us or c. busting a fili? The answer is none of the above, and if anyone knows how to bust a fili, please contact us.

In the Senate, there is no rule as to how long a Senator may talk. Consequently, if a group of Senators wish to try to stop a bill from passing, they can continue talking non-stop to try to avoid a vote on the bill. What is comical about this power is that the Senator could stop a bill from being passed by doing something outrageous like reading names out of a telephone book as long as he or she does not yield (concede) the floor to another Senator.

We then asked "What is a Pelosi?" Well, contrary to campus knowledge, a Pelosi is not sausage, cabbage, meatballs or other fine Polish dishes. A Pelosi is not a guy with a really bad Polish or Italian name. It is also not the result of someone spazzing when typing Pepsi. The correct answer is Representative Nancy Pelosi, the former minority leader and Democratic leader. She is slated to be the new Speaker of the House. Carsen prefers some of the other interpretations given rather than the sad implications of reality. But it is true, she will be the president of the House of Representatives come January. Oh, and by the way, one of you responded that Pelosi rhymes with one of your sister's last names. Congratulations. We are happy for you.

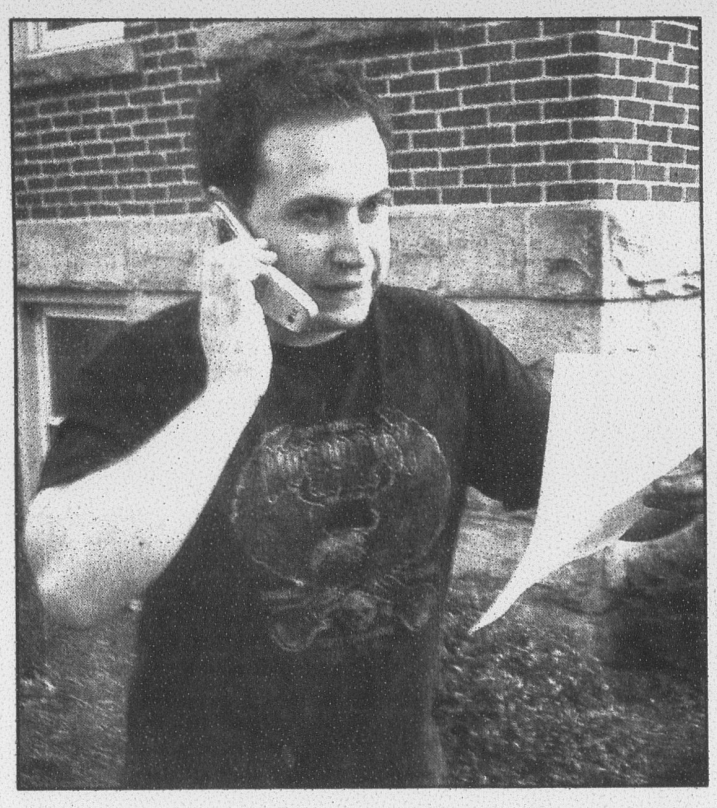
Another question on the quiz people did well on was "Who is Bob Dole?" Bob Dole was a Senator from Kansas who ran for the presidency against President Clinton in 1996. Aside from the occasional wrong guess as to which year he ran for the presidency, most answers people put down were correct. Just as an added bonus, many people included that he is a spokesperson for erectile dysfunction.

For our next question we posed a scenario; "What is a member of Congress doing when he or she is working on a DeLorean?" Is the answer a. burying an issue, b. painting a picture, c. working on a classified project, or d. working on a car? We are not going to lie; we tried to throw in one non-political question to see if everyone was paying attention during the quiz. The answer is working on a car because the DeLorean was the car that served as the time machine in Back to the Future.

The next question confused some of you. We decided to find out whether anyone knew what role the minority leader plays in politics. Most people responded that he or she "leads minorities" or is a representative for minorities. Well, if you want to use the literal interpretation, sure. That is exactly it. In politics, however, the minority leader is the head honcho for the party with the fewest representatives. Some wrote that he or she causes problems for the majority leader or even plans his or her overthrow and assassination. Those responses are a little extreme, but depending on the political climate, not unfathomable.

What is a caucus? It is a. the word "cactus" spelled incorrectly, b. the word "carcass" spelled incorrectly, c. a hip bone, d. a political race or e. a meeting of party members. While it would be amusing if a caucus was a hip bone, it is actually a meeting of party members. Caucuses serve as a place to discuss candidates, debate and choose policies, and to elect delegates to the party's convention.

The next phrase many of you looked at and thought it was a joke. A fishing expedition, however, is a real political term. Many of you thought it was what the president does for most of the year or an excuse for politicians to take vacation using taxpayer dollars. Both of these may be true, but are not the definition. It actually is not such a pleasant term. Fishing expeditions are unguided investigations, trying to find dirt on another candidate, not caring what is found. They pull up whatever they happen to catch, relating it to fishing.



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Steve Kokal phones a friend for assistance.

Political suicide is not what Carsen should have done after the midterm elections; however, several Republicans committed it just before the elections. It is doing something to severely tarnish a reputation or ruin a political career.

Many of you cited specific examples, like Monica Lewinsky, saying marijuana should be legalized or Trent Lott. George Bush was also listed, but as he is still president, he has not screwed up that badly. Suicide often happens when politicians say something stupid in public; there is no way to take it back, and the press grabs the statement and runs with it. John Kerry, anyone?

So what exactly is stumping for the candidate? It is not cutting off his legs, cutting down a tree in a candidate's yard nor getting an amputation for a cause. It is not getting on one's knees for any reason or pulling a candidate out of the ground, either. Stumping for a candidate is supporting them by campaigning for them. These people write letters to an editor, walk door to door and make phone calls to try to get others to support a candidate as well.

Apparently, a whip is one of the more obscure political positions in the U.S. government. Dear Westminster College: sexual references were not applicable to any of the questions in this survey. Trust us; we received plenty of less than appropriate answers to this question. On the appropriate side, some of you thought a whip leads a party in meetings, stops another politician's proposal, to be charged for a crime when holding an office or a nickname for a car. Actually, a whip makes sure party members show up to vote and that they vote with the party line. While we appreciate your attempts, the whip's job is much more boring than what most of you wrote.

Faithful reader, you have survived our political quiz. Sure, today's article may have been longer than usual but think about all the fun facts you learned. Go home and use a term like "gerrymandering" while you are having Christmas dinner with your family. It is sure to impress.

Maybe your grades were not as high as you would have liked this semester; just tell your parents the school gerrymandered your grades. Assuming they do not know the political terminology, you may have the best excuse next to "TitanNET ate my homework."

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Opinion

Forum for your thoughts

Every now and then, the editorial staff asks a member of the faculty to expound upon a topic of interest to students. In this edition,* Dr. Terri Lenox, *associate professor of mathematics and computer science, explains recent additions and advancements to the college's service learning curriculum and Civic Engagement Task Force.

Have you ever been asked if the proverbial glass is half-empty or half-full? I'll give you my answer at the end of this article.

For a long time, I spent a lot of energy not watching television news programs. The plight of the world, the problems of this nation, the struggles facing individuals in our communities saddened me.

I read articles in the Holcad scolding students, faculty and staff for "not caring" or "failing to be diversified." I began to consider becoming a hermit on an isolated island (without computers, television, newspapers or cell phones), but reconsidered at the thought that the contestants from Survivor would probably find me.

Inspirational readings left me feeling uninspired. "We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them" (Abigail Adams in a letter to John Adams, 1774).

Fortunately for my peace of mind, I was asked to join the college's Civic Engagement Task Force, established in Spring 2005.

So how did "yet-another-weekly-meeting" provide solace? It introduced me to the wide range of civic engagement activities on the Westminster campus that are "individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern" (Michael Delli Carpini, Director, Public Policy, The Pew Charitable Trusts),

Westminster folks are actively involved in Habitat for Humanity, fraternity and sorority philanthropies, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Relay for Life, Chapel programs, Mortar Board, Circle-K and many other fund-raisers for charities. The Civic Engagement Task Force compiled long lists of community service and internships from athletes, education students, psychology and sociology students, musicians, artists, science students – nearly everyone and every where on campus.

I learned that many of our students, faculty and staff donate their time and energies to volunteering. It was a relief to realize that I didn't have to take on all of the world's problems alone. Together, we are making a difference in our communities.

Another exciting development came out of the discussions of the Civic Engagement Task Force and with the support of Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, Director of the Drinko Center. We realized that many Westminster courses throughout the years had incorporated service-learning. What is service-learning?

The "official" definition would be something like – Service-learning is a course-based, credit-bearing educational experience in which students (1) participate in an organized service activity that meets identified community needs, and (2) reflect on the service activity in such a way as to gain further understanding of course content, a broader appreciation of the discipline, and an enhanced sense of personal values and civic responsibility (Bringle & Hatcher, 1995).

Given a strong belief in the capabilities of our students and a desire to see them to help our communities, service-learning is a strong fit at Westminster in many courses.

For this academic year, the Drinko Center offered ten interested faculty the exciting opportunity to focus on service-learning projects – we're collectively called the Service-Learning Faculty Fellows (SLFF).

You may have heard about Dr. Helen Boylan's advanced laboratory students who worked with the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition, Stream Restoration Inc., and Jennings Environmental Education Center to test abandoned mine drainage sites.

Or the College/ High School Interactive Literacy Program (CHIPS) that Dr. Eileen Morelli's Education 351 (Reading in the Content Area) students are participating in. Her students are working with an urban high school, literacy program to enhance learning and improve instruction for these at-risk students.

Dr. Sherri Pataki's Inquiry 111 students are working with the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership to address issues related to poverty and have been working in the community.

Another course that you may have heard about was profiled in the December 1, 2006 Holcad. Dr. James Perkin's Experiential Studies Projects (PR 501) public relations students are working with non-profit clients.

The last SLFF course this semester is my Systems Analysis (CS 221) class that is redesigning a website for the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership.

Next semester, we have more exciting service-learning courses including: a cluster course (Spanish 202 and Hispanic American Literature and Culture) with Milagros Swerdlow and Dr. David Swerdlow; Opera Workshop (Music 427) with Dr. Anne Bentz; and Career Writing (Writing 252) with Evann Garrison.

In addition, the Rev. Dr. Beverly Cushman is working to establish a three year internship program for Christian Education majors and Joyce Hoellein will be expanding service-learning activities in the course Multicultural Education (Education 203).

This is your chance to become involved and do something, anything except complain! Take one of these courses, volunteer for a non-profit agency, or give money or time to fund raisers on campus. Take action.

So, after learning that many "Westminsterites" are actively involved in the world around them and watching my students take an active role, am I a "glass-half-full" or "glass-half-empty" person? Actually, I think the glass is too small for its contents!

Greek life: why we delved in or avoided it

The Holcad offers a viewpoints from five people--2 Greek and 3 independents--about why they went Greek or why they stayed independent. The writers' identities have been removed to ensure their privacy, and the Greek writers were asked to not reveal their affiliations.

GREEK MALE

Greek life for me

When I came to Westminster, I never thought I would even consider joining a fraternity. However, within the first few weeks on campus, it became clear to me that the 'big school fraternity' stereotypes just weren't true on this campus. Many of the activities I joined had many members who were also part of the Greek community. I kept an open mind and decided to give fraternities a fair chance.

Eventually, I found the fraternity I wanted to join and was given a bid. I have never regretted picking up my bid. As with any organization, there are times that are more stressful than others; however, the lessons I learn from those situations have made me a better person.

The most important thing I got from joining a fraternity was a sense of brotherhood. Growing up, I only had a sister; joining a fraternity has given me brothers for life. My best friends are the guys that I pledged with. The pledging experience brought me unexplainably close to a group of guys that I may have never otherwise known went to Westminster.

The social aspect of fraternity life is extremely important. Even if there were just a couple guys at the house, weekends at Westminster were more fun because I had a regular place to hang out with my closest friends. Mixers and parties bring different groups of people together that would not normally have associated. All of my favorite memories come from moments within my fraternity; those good times will stay with me far beyond any other collegiate memory.

After I graduate from school and enter the working world, I will be able to use the connections I made in college to help me. The Greek community alumni as a whole can provide life changing opportunities. Greek letters create an instant connection with people all across the world, and strong relationships can come from that common bond.

INDEPENDENT MALE

Choose your path for the right reasons

When I arrived on-campus freshman year, I met a number of guys from the five fraternities. I live near Westminster, and friends and family members had experienced Westminster Greek life while enrolled at the likes of Slippery Rock and Grove City, so I had a little bit of predisposition towards a few of the fraternities, as well as Greek life in general.

However, I consider myself fairly open-minded, so I entertained the notion of joining any frat, and not just the one or two that sounded cool by friends' and relatives' recommendations.

Throughout the fall semester, a number of brothers from the various frats approached me and attempted to rouse my interest in Greek life. I listened, as I'm fairly open-minded, but didn't really take interest.

I had a few problems with the idea of Greek life.

First, it's not cheap. I understand that fraternities have national offices to fund and officers to send around the country, but the couple hundred dollars per semester dues are not easy to accumulate for the frugal college student I am. The "paying for your friends" notion is crap, though. I've seen how pledges become friends with brothers before there's any sort of monetary exchange, and I've remained friends with people who have joined fraternities even though I've kept my independence.

Second, while I know that brothers visit Russell and Eich to visit with independents (freshmen included), and host recruitment events to get potential pledges to get acquainted with brothers, formal recruitment seems to muddy the process. I would have rather been actively sought and given a bid based on my activities on-campus instead of having to prove my worthiness of brotherhood.

Third, I want join a group because it stands for something; because the members of the group have a common, often noble goal. I don't see this in our fraternities. Yes, each has a philanthropy, but I don't see as much focus on philanthropy as I'd like in order to align myself with a certain fraternity. I also didn't want to stereotype myself (yes, the stereotypes exist and there certainly are brothers who break the stereotypes).

Fourth, it takes a lot of time. My senior year has been delightfully hectic, and I think it would have been dauntingly so had I had fraternity responsibilities, as well. Junior and sophomore years were not as crazy, but I still believe that I would not have been able to put my all into the fraternity, and would have ended up just being dead weight; being a brother that showed up at the house for meetings and occasionally wore letters, but didn't take any responsibilities or really participate, simply because I wouldn't have had the time to contribute. There's Greek week, too, but I think only the upperclassmen can appreciate the craziness that adds to students' schedules at the end of the spring.

Fifth, I'm a member of an organization outside of school which resembles a fraternity, except that the members are voted in by both current and non-members based on the candidates' character, devotion, skills and contributions to the organization. This organization had a pledge process that I'm almost certain is more gruelling than Westminster's fraternities (albeit considerably shorter). I don't like being treated like an underling, and wasn't really willing to go through such a process again.

In short, I felt I didn't and still don't have the money or time for a fraternity, and aside from having a bunch of guys with whom to hang out and occasionally do philanthropic work, I didn't and don't see much of a point to it. Add that to the perceived enmity and drama between some of the members of the frats, both inter- and intra-fraternity, and Greek life just wasn't for me.

I didn't see Greek life as all bad, though.

I eventually learned that living in the fraternity house is considerably cheaper than living on-campus. I don't know if the dues paid over time would make the costs equal, but I'm sure a any brother that's lived in their house could tell you that.

I will admit that Greek week appears to be lots of fun, especially that "anything that floats" race. I'll abstain from Sing 'n' Swing, though; I'd rather watch. Oh, wait, I couldn't? Darn.

Either way, your friends should support your decision--that's what matters most. They shouldn't stop talking to you because you went one way and they went another.

GREEK FEMALE

Why I joined – and more importantly, stayed in – a sorority

Arriving upon this campus, I maintained all of the notions of Greeks piled into my head throughout high school and earlier. As a transfer residing in an upperclass hall, I met Greek women who altered my perception, as well as young men in fraternities who did the same. Apparently, people are people, no matter what's on their shirt.

I did not go through formal recruitment my freshman year, but joined during informal recruitment the following year. I joined my Greek organization knowing a few sisters casually, and have now grown closer than I could have possibly known.

While being in a large group of women at any point can be quite daunting, I have overwhelmingly been glad for the support and deep friendships I receive and share with my sisters. When people say I paid for my friends or make equally outrageous assumptions, I tell them I did not pay enough and ask them to meet these "purchased" friends. I personally could not be a member of any other organization, but I am aware that the others are just as good of a match for their own members.

The most important factor in my decision to become Greek and in determining my outlook now was honestly the specific organization I am a member of. I am saddened to know that preconceived and passed down stereotypes are relied upon as the means for determining which organization a person joins, without much (if any!) interest in learning what the ideals and philanthropic aims of all available groups are.

I have noticed on multiple occasions that the stereotypes undergraduates idolize end up having very little to do with the strength or character of the organization's sisterhood or brotherhood; as a result members depledge, deactivate or simply stop participating in or contributing to the group's efforts.

During Greek Week last year, I met with a professor regarding a project due the following week. He and another faculty member discussed the negatively exclusive undertone of Greek Week events and participation, and I was saddened to know that the campus community viewed this time as such.

I explained that there is a place in our Greek system for anyone who shows an interest in joining; the distinctly different personalities I have come across in each of the fraternities and sororities proves this.

Had I attended a large university such as Penn State, I would not have become involved in Greek life simply because it is a completely different environment. However, I am a student on a small campus that allows everyone to find a "home," if they so desire.

INDEPENDENT FEMALE

Two views from independent females

Many of my friends that are involved with Greek life on campus have asked me repeatedly why I chose not to join a sorority during my college career. I am really happy to say that all have respected my views and choices and I have never regretted my decision to be an independent, although I occasionally wonder how my life would be different here if I would have been open to the possibility of joining a sorority.

The main reason I didn't want to join a sorority was because of the money. Although many seem to enjoy the activities included, I never was willing to pay that amount of money when I had other financial priorities I considered more important.

The other reason was commitments to other activities. During Rush Week my freshman and sophomore years, I just didn't see where I could fit another large time commitment into my schedule. Some of my friends manage to do it all and are happy being involved in as many things as possible, but I value my sleep and it wasn't worth it to me to cram so much in. I was involved in a varsity sport that required 90% of my available time during fall semester and half of spring semester. Combine that with a double major and another one or two activities, and I was a chicken running around with my head cut off as it was. Depending on how involved students are with a sorority, it can become a huge time commitment that I wasn't willing to squeeze into my already-packed schedule.

I am an independent more by default than choice. I was interested in Greek life from the start. I mean, who doesn't want to wear cute sweatshirts, cheer around the campus and get presents from your mommy alligator? I went to a few informal parties, but eventually I just got too busy with other activities and searching for a sorority wasn't such a top priority.

When formal rush time came, I decided not to participate mainly because none of my friends were. I looked at joining a sorority as a way to make the close friends that you will still talk to way after college. But I had already found those friends so I didn't see the need to try to branch out with a bunch of new people. Also, formal recruitment just comes at what I think a bad time in the year. I had a really difficult first semester and wasn't even sure I would make it back in the spring. And I was so stressed about my first experience with finals, that I didn't have time to think about rushing.

More often than not, I find myself wishing that I had a spring formal or a date party to go to. But neither of us regrets our independent lifestyles. We have close friends who are both Greek and independent. For us, joining a sorority just wasn't high on our list of priorities.

Please remember that these are viewpoints; this is the way that the writers' view Greek life and their decision to or not to join it.

The Holcad wishes good luck to all students enrolling in formal recruitment and good luck to the sororities and fraternities in their recruitment efforts in the coming weeks.

Campus News

Students, faculty attend neuroscience conference

By Bridget Roth
Campus writer

Six students and two professors recently attended the annual Society for Neuroscience conference in Atlanta, Ga.

The five day conference, which took place on Oct. 14 through 18, allows neuroscientists from around the world to share new ideas and present research. Dr. Alan Gittis, chair of the psychology department, is a member of the Society of Neuroscience. A yearly participant in the conference, Gittis decided to present this opportunity to students in the department.

"This conference was an invaluable experience for students," Gittis said. "It gives them the opportunity to realize what it takes to do research at a professional level."

According to Gittis, the conference attracts at least 35,000 people yearly. It is organized primarily for neuroscience professionals; however, students are granted the opportunity to present research to the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience. The topic presented by the group was research conducted by graduate Lindsay Weber and senior Emilee Gustkey, who could not attend the conference.

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Sophomore Veronica Geretz, who helped to present the research, explained what an opportunity and privilege students gained through attendance of the conference. According to Gittis, Geretz was instrumental in planning and organizing this trip.

"They should organize a conference specifically for undergraduates interested in neuroscience," Geretz said. "It was awesome to interact with everyone and get an idea of where I need to be if neuroscience is what I intend on doing."

According to Geretz, the students paid for the expenses out of pocket. She is currently working with the Drinko Center in hopes of reimbursing students for the conference.

"I think this really speaks about how much we all wanted to attend," Geretz said. "It was too great of an opportunity to pass up."

Dr. David Goldberg also attended the conference with the group and assisted Gittis in the presentation of a separate research topic, which coordinated with their cluster course concerning neuropsychology and philosophy of the mind. The poster presented was on display for the duration of the conference.

While at the conference, students had the opportunity to attend numerous lectures. According to the program from the conference, 13 special lectures, 21 symposia, and 24 minisymposia were available for attendance. Some lectures attended by the group discussed the molecular neurobiology of Alzheimer's disease, architecture and perception, and genes, behavior and the sense of smell.

Classes redesign community Web site

By Travis Levers
Campus Writer

The systems analysis class and spring software engineering classes took on the task of redesigning the Web site for the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership.

The class is composed of seven students who elected to take on the community service project.

Chris Dymond, a junior computer information systems major, is one of the students involved in the project.

"Doing a service learning project gives you more motivation and more satisfaction than any group projects I've done in the past," Dymond said. "You have to be mindful of the fact that this project is an actual reflection on your work to the real world."

The LCCAP is made up of three separate organizations. The organizations are: Lawrence County Social Services, United Community Services of Lawrence County, Inc. and Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc.

The groups service a diverse group of low-income and in-need families. The organization strives toward its mission statement of "The Partnership is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life within Lawrence County by eliminating and preventing the causes and effects of poverty by mobilizing and directing resources to assist, educate and promote self-sufficiency."

The group currently has a functional website, but the students are trying to gather all of the information on the organization, and put together a Web site that is easier for internal and client use.

When asked what she thought about classes doing community service as part of a class, sophomore Sammi Youkers said that it is a great idea.

"Anytime the college or students have an opportunity to be an active part of the community which they live in for eight months of the year, it is a great thing," Youkers said.

The project will continue through the spring semester, and according to Dymond, all of the students participating are excited. He also pointed out the irreplaceable value of the experience gained through a project like this.

"It becomes something you can refer to when looking for a job so a potential employer is able to see what you can really do," Dymond said.

The LCCAP is always looking for energetic volunteers. Information on volunteering can be found on the group's webpage, www.lccap.org or by calling at (724) 658-7664.

Stress relief tips for finals week

Health officials say to relax, think positive

By Tom Campana
Campus writer

As the semester comes to an end, students will begin to battle the finals blues by drinking more coffee, sleeping less, and showing unusual behaviors.

Of course that means it is finals time. During the week of December 11, students will begin to feel the pressure of finals week. Freshmen will experience their first college finals, as the seniors will celebrate their last.

Babs Quincy, counselor of the Student Health Center, recommends the following advice for helping students cope mentally and physically with stress.

"The key to staying stress free is keeping time in your schedule to release endorphins," Quincy said. "The three endorphins that keep people sane are aerobics, hugging, and laughing."

According to Quincy, the following tips are helpful for college students during finals period:

- Do not party the night before the exam.
- Eat sensible meals the day of the exam.
- Remember to keep things in perspective.
- When you take your seat BREATHE.
- Think only positive thoughts.
- Be on time or 10 minutes early for exam.
- Do not talk to anyone before the exam.
- Sit in a less distracting seat.
- Read over the entire exam first.
- Keep track of your time.
- Pace yourself.
- If worse comes to worse, try to distract your self by standing up and stretching.
- After you have finished the exam make sure you proofread for omissions and check for mistakes.
- When you finish, reward yourself. Have some fun…until your next exam!

"Stress is always a big factor in studying for finals and preparing to make the grade," junior Seth Senior said. "I think knowing how to handle it would ease everyone's minds a little more."

The Student Health Center, located below Shaw Hall, can be a very helpful stress relief tool. The health center provides a meditation room which includes a heated massage chair, a variety of music, and recliner. Students can use the facility and its calming features between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"I think the meditation room is often over looked, students should know about it and take advantage of it," senior Marc Saculla said. "The massage chair is just fantastic."

Quincy suggests the following websites are a good resource for additional stress relief tips:

- www.campusblues.com
- www.healthyplace.com
- www.ccvillage.buffalo.edu

SGA NOTES

Allison Chlebowski was named student senator of the month.

Spring trip in 2007 will be to either Washington D.C. or Philadelphia.

Westminster stickers "Hate is not a Westminster Value" are in. If you would like one, please go to the SGA office.

Lambda Sigma was voted as student organization of the month.

$1570 was allocated to the Men's Volleyball Club from the Grant Fund, there were no objections.

Amy Perkins was elected as the new Judicial Chair of the Student Government Association, there were no objections.

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Students compete against 115 other teams in computer programming contest

By Nina Pino
Campus Writer

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Junior Jake Romigh and seniors Ryan Moon and Jeremy Alberth placed 24th in the programming contest.

Students placed twenty-fourth among 116 teams at the Computer Programming Contest on November 11, 2006.

Three students went to the 2006 ACM-ICPC East Central North America Regional Programming Contest.

One hundred and sixteen teams from sixty-four colleges competed in the contest. Teams were made up of students in the areas of western Pennsylvania, Indiana, eastern Ontario, Michigan and Ohio.

Because of the sizable number of groups participating in the contest, the ECNA RPC was held at four different contest sites. Ashland, Ohio hosted 45 teams, Cincinnati, Ohio hosted 25 teams, Dearborn, Michigan hosted 16 teams and Oakville, Ontario hosted 30 teams. Each team was given eight problems to solve. The team to finish the most problems in the least amount of time would be the winners.

"Our team did fantastic," Dr. John Bonomo, associate professor of computer science, said. "This is a remarkable result for a school our size."

At the end of the contest, The University of Toronto won, completing all eight problems in 982 minutes. "Stack Overflows," Westminster's team, solved three correctly, an act matched by only nine other teams. On the whole, about 91 of the 116 teams answered one question correctly.

"[This performance] is topped only by the 19th place we received in 2004," Bonomo said.

Bonomo was the team's coach as well as the co-chief judge for the contest.

After the convention, the official ECNA RPC site, http://acm.ashland.edu, released the following statement: "We are pleased to report that the ECNA RPC was a huge success this year."

This was based on a series of observations. For example, version 8.7 of the PC^2 Contest Control System experienced no technical difficulties; the contest went smoothly. It started at 11:06 am and ended at 4:00 pm. As stated previously, 91 teams solved at least one problem, and the maximum number of solved problems was eight.

The top ten teams of the contest included the University of Toronto (team name: Toronto1) Carnegie Mellon University (team name: Tartans), the University of Waterloo (team name: Waterloo Black), The University of Waterloo (team name: Waterloo Gold), Carnegie Mellon University (team name: Dragon), Purdue University, the University of Toronto (team name: Toronto A), Ohio University, the University of Notre Dame, and Marshall University.

WEEKEND FRATERNITY ACTIVITY

The Sig Eps, Theta Chi & Alpha Sigs are all closed to guests on Saturday evening because of brotherhood events.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi & Theta Chi (open Friday night), and the brothers of Sigma Nu (open Saturday night), ask that all guests support them in their risk management endeavors.

Please remember that you must be 18 to enter a fraternity party, non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list, you must be 21 or older to bring in alcohol, those of legal age are limited to a 6 pack and there will be a 100% I.D. check at the door.

Also remember that hosts are responsible for their guests and the houses can be cited by the police if the guests get out of control either inside or outside of the house, so please act as good ambassadors of the College & your host.

All brothers thank you in advance for your support.

Campus News

Campus Christmas Celebrations

Events include tree lighting, organizational parties, charity and philanthropy opportunities, Vespers

By Marianne Selby
Campus writer

With Christmas steadily approaching, a number of campus events, parties, and charity opportunities celebrate the holiday season.

The first Christmas-themed event this year was the Christmas tree light-up on Wednesday, Nov. 29. All members of the campus and community were welcome to gather on the quad, hear a few words from President Thomas Williamson and Rev. Jim Mohr, and listen to the Chapel Praise team sing Christmas carols.

Cookies and refreshments were provided following the tree's illumination. Sophomore sociology major Dawn Miller attended the event and felt that the evening was a great way for everyone to get in a Christmas mood.

"It was a really enjoyable night," Miller said. "You could really feel the Christmas spirit, and the tree looked beautiful."

December holds the majority of holiday events, most of which take place before Christmas break. One of the biggest events is the Student Government Association's annual Christmas Party. SGA's Special Events Committee, a committee made up of 15 SGA senators, was in charge of organizing the party. Held on Monday, Dec. 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Berlin Lounge in the McKelvey Campus Center, the party was admission-free and open to the entire campus.

Pizza and refreshments were provided, and activities like cookie decorating and Christmas games took place. The school's mascot, the W.C. Titan, also made an appearance. Sophomore business administration major Ashley Carnahan is the chair of SGA's Special Events Committee, and she had high hopes for the evening.

"We probably had an attendance of around 200 students," Carnahan said. "Overall, I'm really happy with how the event went and hope that the students enjoyed it as much as I did."

Along with parties and celebrations welcoming the season, there are several opportunities for charity and philanthropy. The chapel office sponsors a project called the Angel Tree, where gifts are donated to make a disadvantaged child's Christmas better.

The Black Student Union is sponsoring a charity called "a dollar does it," where children from an underprivileged community will get to attend a Christmas caroling and story-telling party.

The Young Presbyterian Scholars are sponsoring the Fair Trade alternate gift market. The alternate gift market gives gift-buyers a chance to purchase unique things that have been crafted by citizens of third-world countries who receive fair wages.

Beth Brooks, the executive secretary for Student Affairs, is in charge of making the online Christmas calendar, and therefore is very aware of the various parties and charities on campus. She is participating in a Christmas charity for the Mercer County Legal Aid Society where she gets to buy gifts for a two year old boy. The parents of the child provide the interests of the boy Brooks is sponsoring; in this case the young boy likes toy cars, trains, and puzzles.

"Things like this, this is what Christmas is all about to me," Brooks said. "We all have more than we need."

Other events include Christmas Vespers on Dec. 10 in Orr Auditorium, a number of staff and department Christmas parties, and President Williamson's Open House on Dec. 14 in the Witherspoon rooms in McKelvey.

Christmas Vespers scheduled for Saturday

Singers preparing for performances

By Nicky Piszczor
Campus writer

The campus community will celebrate Christmas Vespers on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

The special service allows the campus and the surrounding community to gather together and to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Last year, Christmas Vespers focused on the nativity story as seen through the eyes of many different characters. However, the chapel staff, which plans the event every year, decided to try something different this year. Chapel staff member Julia Broskey has been very active in planning this vespers.

"I think Christmas Vespers is how the Westminster campus comes together to celebrate Christmas in its own unique way," Broskey said. "It involves a variety of organizations on campus, which makes it special."

This year's service will focus on the story, The Shoemaker's Dream. Students and faculty will act the story out on stage throughout the service. The Shoemaker's Dream looks into the life of Martin the shoemaker, who has a dream that Jesus will visit him. The next day, he encounters five people in need and then realizes the real meaning of his dream.

Reverend Jim Mohr, the chaplain, will deliver the message, Great Things in Small Packages, midway through the service. With the bustle of the holiday season, people sometimes forget what makes Christmas so important. Mohr feels society is pushing the true meaning out of Christmas.

"We know the meaning of Christmas in our hearts and need to let that come out, because out of small things comes big things," he said. "We need to rejoice together in fellowship as we celebrate the upcoming birth of Christ."

Christmas Vespers brings the campus community together for the season. Many students and faculty helped to make this event possible. All the choirs and some of ensembles on campus will perform. This includes the men's and women's chorus, the concert choir, the gospel choir and handbell choir as well as the praise team, the flute ensemble, the brass and percussion ensemble and the liturgical dancers. Each group has prepared its own piece and will help lead the entire congregation in a number of group songs.

"All the singers look forward to this event," choir director Dr. Robin Lind said. "It's a really festive time that allows a lot of the musical ensembles to share their music at one worship event."

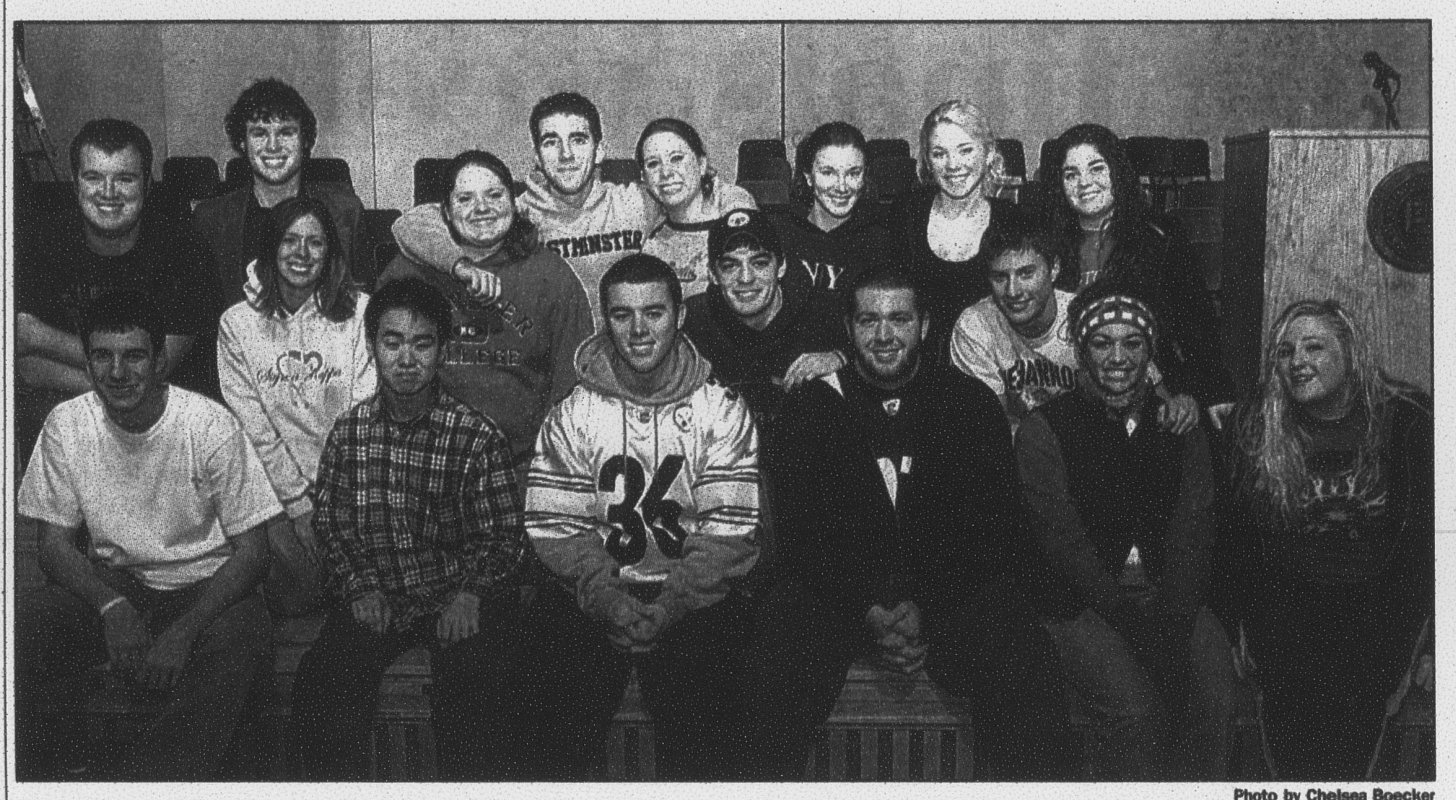
Following the event, everyone is invited to stay for a cookie reception in the lobby of Orr.

In order to capture Christmas Vespers on camera, broadcast students will also tape the Christmas Vespers rehearsal on Dec. 9. The broadcast will run the night of the service.

Christmas Vespers will continue to be an event the campus community anticipates every year. Senior Kate Chandley is especially excited for this year's service.

"I'm really excited to be one of the liturgists, because I look forward to going to Christmas Vespers every year," Chandley said. "It's one of my favorite traditions at Westminster."

Gospel Choir to take stage at Vespers service



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By Lucinda Safran
Campus Writer

Gospel choir takes the stage on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate Christmas Vespers.

Director James "Manny" Henderson took over the gospel choir last year.

According to sophomore Zach Marsh, treasurer of the gospel choir, Henderson has changed the organization for the better.

According to sophomore Darnelle Clark, it is a very close-knit group that performs almost every Sunday at different choir members' home churches. Christmas Vespers allows for the group to perform for the campus community.

"We are doing a medley of all sorts of songs at Christmas Vespers," Clark said.

In addition to performing at a variety of churches and for the Westminster community, the choir will also perform a big concert in March at the New Castle Playhouse. This is the second year for the performance at the playhouse. The choir is also planning their first-ever tour traveling up and down the East coast.

"Manny writes most of the music we sing," president of gospel choir Jessica Nix said.

In addition to the music Henderson writes, the gospel choir also performs a lot of songs by Kirk Franklin.

The choir meets on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The group gives students a chance to praise God in a different way.

"I love praising God, and gospel choir gives me that opportunity to do so; I love singing," Clark said. "The people just make me feel so welcome, and being in the gospel choir makes me feel like I am at my home church."

According to Clark, members of the gospel choir are very close with each other. She claimed that even though they have new members, it seems as if she has known them for forever.

"I think the gospel choir has grown a great amount over the past two years," Marsh said. "I have gained so many amazing friendships by being in the gospel choir, and I feel that we are an amazing group of people."

The choir, which has been growing in numbers since Henderson took over, currently has 30 male and female students.

Pizza Joe's to hold spirit contest

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Pizza Joe's in New Wilmington will be holding a "Titan Spirit" contest on December 9, 2006 to see which Westminster College student can show the most school spirit.

Pizza Joe's will take pictures of students that come into the shop showing "Titan Spirit" between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Shop owner Dave Llewellyn will review the pictures at the end of the night and decide who showed the best school spirit.

The winner will receive a pizza party including three large cheese pizzas, two large bags of chips, and two 2-liters of pop.

"I want Westminster students to know that we at Pizza Joe's support them and the college," said Llewellyn. "More importantly, I hope they will just have fun with this! It's a chance for students to do something out of the ordinary and get crazy and creative."

To heighten the excitement, Pizza Joe's will feature some special, one-night deals on food and will give out some entertaining prizes. The shop will also be decorated to show its own Titan Spirit.

If for no other reason, students should come to Pizza Joe's to take advantage of the ten percent discount they always receive with their Titan cards. "It's something a lot of students don't seem to know about, but all of them can benefit from," said Llewellyn.

Kiwanis Club Christmas tree sale helps environment, community

By Tiffany Snyder
Campus writer

Kiwanis Club sells Christmas trees to help community children's programs; it also recycles trees for compost.

Clarence Harms and the Kiwanis Club have a long tradition of cutting Christmas trees from Indiana and Elwood City, but this year they decided to cut from a local tree farm. There are two kinds: Blue Spruce and Balsam Fir. These Christmas trees are sold at Wagner's Motor and cost $25.00. Club members are there from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and if you can not make these hours, you can still pay for your tree at the short stop. Harms said that the Kiwanis Club uses the honor system and trusts that the community will respect their cause.

"I am into green things, Christmas trees are green," Harms said, "I think they add a special flavor for Christmas, you bring them inside and they have a nice aroma."

When families come to buy their Christmas trees, they receive a half sheet of paper explaining how recycling trees is best for the environment.

"I love the smell of Christmas trees. It reminds me of memories with my family and how I love being with them at Christmas time," junior Michelle Mair said.

All of the money from the trees goes to children and international programs. Some of the recent projects included buying a playground for a local head start, painting a checker board in front of the elementary school and sponsoring a children's parade.

After the holiday season, people are asked to drop off their trees to churches, the field station or the Kiwanis Club will be happy to pick them up. A chipping party is held at the Field Station to chip 100 trees. The trees are put through an industrial machine and the wood chips are then mixed with leaves, left-over dining food and horse manure. This compost is then used for planting trees at the field station, campus or it is given away to the community.

"I think it's a good idea to recycle Christmas trees, because it's not hurting the environment," senior Katie Huber said.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 29°	High 38°	High 47°	High 44°	High 45°	High 44°	High 44°
Low 16°	Low 22°	Low 27°	Low 28°	Low 28°	Low 31°	Low 29°
Snow showers in the morning	Clouds and sun; not as cold	Partly sunny, milder	Cloudy; maybe a sprinkle	Mostly cloudy and mild	Periods of rain	Mostly cloudy

Weather History

A large storm system brought heavy rain to the East on Dec. 8, 1963. Lightning caused the explosion of fuel under one of the outboard wing tanks of a jetliner passing through the storm. Eighty-one people died.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	26	17	pc	34	21	s	39	29	pc	38	30	pc	39	32	r
Butler, PA	28	16	sf	39	23	pc	45	28	pc	44	29	pc	44	29	c
Cambridge, OH	30	16	pc	44	24	s	51	30	pc	47	32	pc	47	32	r
Canton, OH	27	16	pc	38	23	s	43	27	pc	41	29	pc	42	30	r
Cincinnati, OH	34	20	s	44	26	s	49	30	pc	49	34	sh	48	34	r
Clarion, PA	27	14	sf	37	20	pc	43	25	pc	41	28	pc	41	26	c
Clarksburg, WV	27	17	pc	44	24	s	52	32	s	49	34	pc	49	37	r
Cleveland, OH	28	20	pc	39	24	pc	45	32	pc	41	32	pc	42	33	r
Columbus, OH	28	17	pc	38	21	s	47	30	pc	43	33	pc	46	35	r
Cumberland, MD	35	16	sf	45	23	s	51	26	s	49	29	pc	47	30	pc
Erie, PA	27	23	sn	38	30	pc	43	33	pc	40	33	pc	41	32	pc
Franklin, PA	27	15	sf	37	22	pc	45	26	pc	42	28	pc	42	29	r
Greensburg, PA	31	16	sf	42	22	s	48	27	s	47	29	pc	46	29	c

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	27	16	sf	38	23	pc	44	27	pc	42	29	pc	42	28	r
Grove City, PA	28	16	sf	39	23	pc	46	26	pc	43	27	pc	44	28	r
Hagerstown, MD	30	19	s	40	26	s	47	31	s	49	30	pc	44	34	pc
Indiana, PA	31	22	sf	40	24	s	49	31	s	46	33	pc	48	39	c
Jamestown, NY	22	17	sn	33	24	pc	40	26	pc	38	29	pc	38	31	pc
Kittanning, PA	29	15	sf	39	21	s	46	26	s	45	28	pc	44	26	c
Lisbon, OH	31	16	sf	40	24	s	48	28	pc	45	29	pc	46	31	r
Mansfield, OH	25	17	pc	37	21	s	41	29	pc	37	30	pc	39	30	i
Marietta, OH	33	16	pc	44	23	s	51	28	pc	49	31	pc	48	31	r
McKeesport, PA	31	17	sf	42	25	s	48	29	s	47	32	pc	46	30	r
Meadville, PA	23	17	sn	37	25	pc	38	29	pc	39	31	pc	38	32	c
Morgantown, WV	29	17	sf	44	24	s	47	31	s	45	35	pc	49	36	c
New Castle, PA	28	16	sf	40	23	pc	47	28	pc	44	28	pc	45	29	r

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Oil City, PA	27	15	sn	37	21	pc	44	25	pc	41	28	pc	41	28	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	25	17	sf	38	22	s	50	30	s	46	32	pc	43	32	r
Sharon, PA	29	16	sf	39	22	pc	45	27	pc	43	28	pc	44	28	r
Somerset, PA	21	14	sf	33	23	s	42	27	s	41	30	pc	38	32	c
Steubenville, OH	28	18	pc	41	25	s	47	29	pc	45	31	pc	45	32	r
Uniontown, PA	29	16	sf	41	21	s	47	27	s	48	29	pc	47	29	c
Warren, OH	28	17	sf	38	23	pc	45	28	pc	43	30	pc	44	31	r
Washington, PA	29	16	pc	41	22	s	46	31	s	46	31	pc	45	31	r
Waynesburg, PA	29	14	pc	42	21	s	47	27	s	47	30	pc	47	28	r
Wheeling, WV	25	19	pc	41	24	s	46	33	pc	42	35	pc	44	35	r
Youngstown, OH	28	17	sf	39	23	pc	40	29	pc	40	32	pc	40	31	r
Wooster, OH	28	15	pc	38	22	s	41	30	pc	39	30	pc	42	29	r
Zanesville, OH	29	17	pc	44	24	s	47	30	pc	44	33	pc	46	35	r

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Sports

Lady Titans fall to Allegheny, look to defeat W&J

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Sports writer

The women's basketball team fell to non-conference opponent Allegheny College Tuesday night 73-66.

Despite the loss, the Lady Titans had four players score in double digits. Leading the way was senior guard Desiree Sterling with 20 points. Close behind her was junior forward Emilee Ackerman with fifteen points. Sophomore point guard Gina Brunetti had 11 points, and junior forward Terese Marszalek also contributed with 10 points and 8 rebounds.

If rebounds decided the game, the Lady Titans would have come out on top. They out-rebounded Allegheny 35-23.

However, the Titans fell short on shot percentage with only 45.5% to Allegheny's 54 %.

The game was very competitive as the Lady Titans and Lady Gators shared the lead numerous times. The Lady Titans went into halftime with a comfortable 18-point lead. Though, once the second half started, Allegheny pulled within one point of the Lady Titans in just about 5 minutes of play.

The women then fell behind the Gators two more times in the second half, until a 3-pointer from Sterling put the Lady Titan's on top with under 10 minutes to go. Before the final buzzer, Allegheny was able to reclaim their lead and win the game to break the Lady Titan's four game winning streak.

The Lady Titans, now 4-3, will face PAC rival Washington and Jefferson at home in Buzz Ridl Gymnasium on Saturday Dec 9 at 4 pm.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Lady Titans fell in a close game against Allegheny 73-66. The women, now 4-3, face PAC foe W&J on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Titan basketball falls in close game 83-80

Five players score in double digits

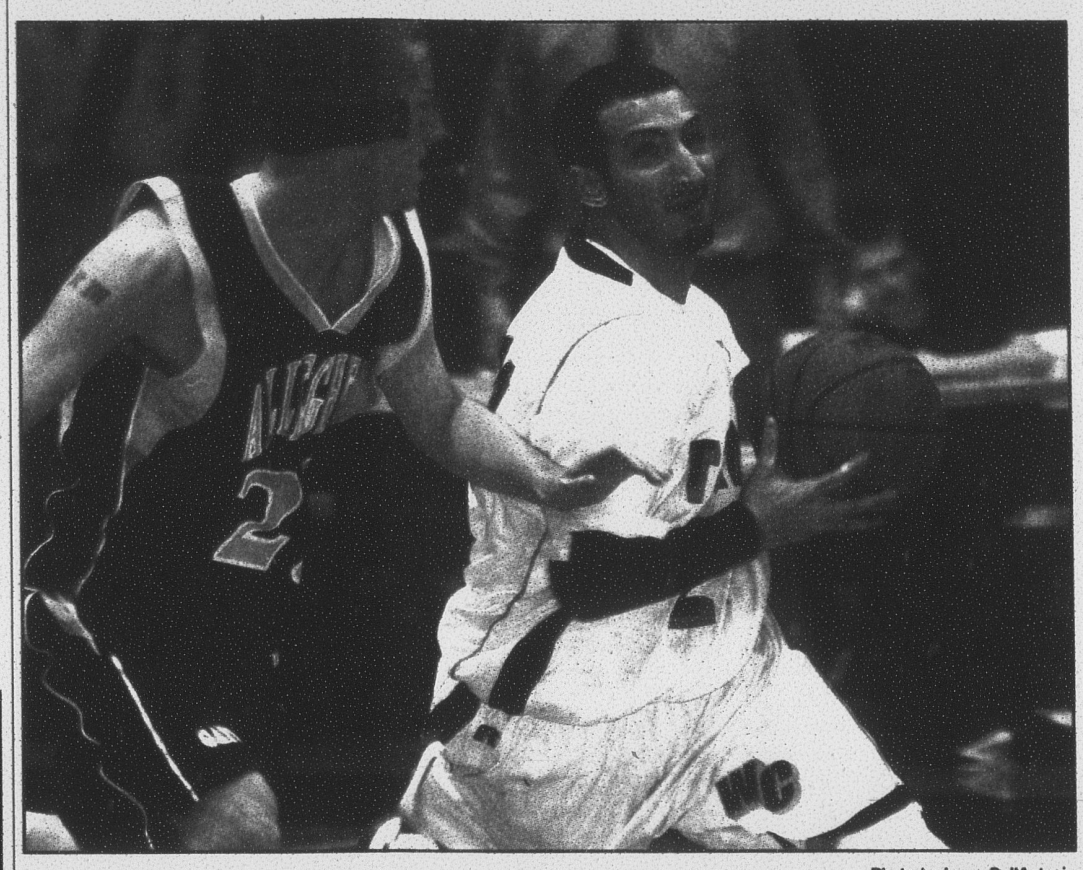

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

The Titans fell to Geneva on Dec. 2 despite outstanding performances from five players. The men host W&J on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m.

By Staci McGill
Sports writer

The men's basketball team lost 83-80 in non-conference action at Geneva on December 2.

The Titans had five players score in double digits but Geneva held its own with a 40-23 rebound advantage.

Junior Craig Hannon led all scorers with 22 points on eight of seventeen shooting from the floor, including six of thirteen shooting from 3-point range. The Titans led by 13 points in the first half, when senior Greg Rosatelli drained a 3-pointer to give the Titans a 30-17 lead with 10:36 remaining in the first half.

Rosatelli finished with 14 points, as did freshman Ryne Murray. Senior Dom Joseph bucketed 13 points and senior Nick Adams netted ten rounding out the double-digit scorers for the Titans. Geneva came back, however, as the Titans held a 42-41 lead at halftime.

"Geneva was a really good team, but we just happen to finish on top in the La Roche game. We could have finished on top in both if we just rebounded better and made a few more shots," Joseph noted.

The Titans led 52-46 with 15:13 remaining in the game when Geneva went on a 17-0 run for an 11-point lead with only 6:38 left in the game. The Titans surged back and tied the game 76-76 with Murray's 3-pointer with 1:14 left, but the Titans unfortunately could not retake the lead. "I think we need to win these next games over the holidays, but I look forward to the Christmas Tournament. I have high hopes for us," Joseph said.

The Titans will next host a PAC game against Washington & Jefferson on December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Lady Titan swimmers finish second of ten at Wooster Invite

By Corey Kendall
Sports writer

After returning home from the Wooster Invitational last weekend, the Lady Titans should be extremely pleased with their outstanding performance. The Lady Titans were able to place second, with a score of 1,315, in an invitational consisting of ten teams.

While they trailed Wooster by 235.5 points, they beat California University of Pennsylvania. Head Coach Rob Klamut stated, "It was an outstanding meet for the women, especially since there was some tough competition." This is an accurate statement since CUA is a Division II team and has an athletic scholarship program.

The Lady Titans were losing to this Division II team in the first two days of the invitational. But through hard work and determination, they gained the lead over CUA in the first race of the third day and held it for the remainder of the competition. "We did amazing as a team," states Junior Becky Giles, "We moved up a spot from last years invitational."

While many of the Lady Titans had outstanding times, two of the Lady Titans excelled in their events by setting school records. Becky Giles took first in the 200 IM while setting both the Wooster pool and her own personal record with a time of 2:09.21. "It definitely gets me excited to continue training hard and preparing for PAC's," states Giles.

Sophomore Megan Meir was the second to set a record in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 2:10.35. The women's 800 freestyle relay team, Becky Giles, Megan McLaughlin, Megan Meir and Emily Dressler, also set a pool record with a time of 8:04.24.

While the Lady Titans maintain an overall record 0-5 and a PAC record of 0-1, they plan to improve that record throughout the remainder of the season. The ladies will have a chance to add some numbers to the win column as they take on Ashland on Friday, December 8, at 6:00 and Bethany on Saturday, December 9, at 1:00.

Ashland is another Division II team and the Lady Titans know that it is going to be an extremely tough match. "It will be very competitive and challenging match," Coach Klamut said. However, with hard work the Lady Titans will surely be able to gain two victories on their home turf this weekend.

TITAN TALK

Who should have been selected to play Ohio State for the National Title?

Kutz: Michigan did not get robbed even though they may be the second best team in the country, given the way things played out. Florida has played a very tough schedule, they play in the toughest conference in the country, and I think they deserve to play Ohio State.

Bork: I'm split on this. I think it would have been unfair to Ohio State to let Michigan play for the national title, although they are the second best team in the nation. Florida is going to get waxed by a better Ohio State team.

Phil: Here's the deal. Michigan definitely got robbed. They got snubbed by the BCS. They played Ohio State at the horse shoe and lost by three. You move that game to a neutral field and I still think Ohio State wins, but I do not think that you can deny Michigan that chance.

Kutz: That game is not at a neutral field and they are not going to get that chance. Look at their schedule, Florida has one of the toughest in the country playing in the SEC week in and week out. Look at the Auburn's and the Georgia's.

Phil: If you look at the top three opponents that each team plays, you see that Michigan has played better competition.

Kutz: Name their top three opponents?

Phil: Number one Ohio State, Notre Dame, who was ranked as high as number two, and Wisconsin, who finished the season ranked number six.

Bork: Notre Dame. O WOW! Any time they played a good team this year they lost. They had two big games and lost them both.

Kutz: Look at Florida's schedule. They played Auburn who was number four at the beginning of the season and Georgia who was number nine.

Phil: Let me ask you this question Kutz. Who wins the game if Florida plays Michigan?

Bork: Michigan by 21.

Phil: That is why Michigan deserves to be playing.

Kutz: I said that they have the second best team in the country. Michigan had their chance in the regular season and they lost.

Phil: But this is for the National Championship, not the Big Ten.

Bork: It would just be unfair for Ohio State because they beat Michigan once for the Big Ten. They should not get a shot at the National Title.

Phil: Obviously Jim Tressel doesn't think it would be unfair because he did not vote in the last coaches' poll. If he would have thought it would be unfair, he would have voted for Florida. Who is to say that Ohio State wouldn't want the chance to beat Michigan twice and prove complete supremacy?

Kutz: Either way, the national championship should be between the Boise State Broncos and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Bork: I agree Boise State should have gotten a shot.

Phil: How can you make that argument? That's GARBAGE! They play in a terrible conference.

Kutz: They are still undefeated.

Bork: When there are two undefeated teams at the end of the year don't be surprised. Boise has as much of a chance to beat Ohio State as Florida does, and that chance is zero.

Kutz: So let's see the undefeated.

Phil: Ohio State would beat Boise by at least 28.

Bork: Ohio State will beat Florida by 28.

Phil: Play Florida versus Boise, and I guarantee Florida wins soundly.

Kutz: There is no certainty that Ohio State beats Florida.

Phil: You're starting to make some sense Kutz. However, there is certainty that Ohio State beats Boise.

Bork: Ohio State 35, Florida 7.

Kutz: Ohio State 42, Florida 17.

Phil: Ohio State 28, Florida 10.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

BCS causes mayhem

The Bionic Computers Screwed-up, or what is known to some as the BCS, again showed flaw and error with the teams that were placed in the BCS bowl games this year.

First and foremost, the BCS screwed-up the national championship game. Michigan should be in, and Florida should be out. This is why college football needs to go to a playoff system.

If this playoff system were put into two brackets with the winners meeting in the National Championship, fans would see Ohio State versus Michigan. The reason for this is that Ohio State would be in one bracket, and Florida and Michigan would be in another because they are ranked number two and number three respectively.

This means that in order to get into the National Championship game, Florida and Michigan would have to meet and the true second best team in the country would be determined. The outcome of this would pit Ohio State against Michigan, because Michigan would stymie Florida only to lose to Ohio State in the national title bout.

Putting the Tostitos BCS Championship Game aside, the BCS also has other questionable match-ups. For instance, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will pit Oklahoma against Boise State.

The Capital One Bowl will be fought for by Wisconsin, who is ranked number five in the USA Today Poll, and Arkansas, who was runner-up in the toughest conference in the country.

Removing the names from these bowls, it looks as if Wisconsin and Arkansas should be in the BCS before Oklahoma and Boise State, who played one ranked team all season. And oh year, that team was Hawaii, who peaked out at a ranking of number 25. Sounds too me like Wisconsin and Arkansas are the better teams.

The Outback Bowl, which pits Penn State against Tennessee, and the Capital One Bowl, may have more intriguing match-ups than not only the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, but the FedEx Orange Bowl as well. I believe that Louisville and Wake Forest both deserve to be in the game, but these teams are not teams with the fan base like a Penn State or Tennessee.

One game that the BCS did get right, and in fact may have got so right that it is more anticipated than the National Championship game, is the Rose Bowl. The Rose Bowl will showcase arguably the two top contenders for the National Title, USC and Michigan.

This rivalry goes back three years ago to when USC beat Michigan for a share of the National Championship. Both of these teams have great defenses and offenses that can score. I anticipate this score will be the closest one of the BCS.

Possibly the biggest question that the BCS cannot answer is why Notre Dame got invited to play in the Allstate Sugar Bowl. How do you pick Notre Dame over a Wisconsin team that plays in the Big Ten and only loses one game? Notre Dame does not even play in a conference.

What did Notre Dame do to get in other than being Notre Dame? Well, they lost their two games against quality teams, Michigan and USC. If not Wisconsin, Auburn should have gotten a shot before Notre Dame.

One final thought about the BCS: 20 players in Urban Meyer's lineup were Ron Zook's Florida recruits.

Brandon is a sophomore math major.

Agree or disagree, let us know what you think. E-mail The Holcad and you might make Brandon's column.

Arts & Entertainment

Movie review

The Fountain's actors excel in Darren Aronofsky film that brings meaning to life

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Darren Aronoskfy's *The Fountain* contains three interwoven, parallel universes that may throw people off.

It took me about halfway through to realize how they were connected, and which story was real. However, I can explain it a bit easier so you can enjoy the ride Aronoskfy gives in this dazzling cinematic achievement without worrying over plot details.

The main plotline, as it turns it, is present –day when Tommy Creo (Hugh Jackman) is desperately trying to find a cure for his wife, Izzi's (Rachel Weisz), brain tumor. Jackman is a medical researcher and is testing the sap from a mysterious tree in the jungles of South American (important parallel) and realizes that it produces significant results in a tumor located in a monkey. This storyline focuses on Tommy's conflict of spending time with his dying wife, or spending time in the lab trying to find a cure before the tumor kills her.

The second plotline is in sixteenth-century Spain under the reign of Queen Isabella. The Inquisition is in full force, and Jackman is a conquistador ordered by the Queen to travel into the Mayan jungle and search for the Tree of Life, which Adam and Eve conveniently managed to shut off from all human kind due to the whole apple incident. Queen Isabella tells Jackman that if he brings back the sap from this tree, they will live forever.

The first and second plotlines intersect when Izzi gives Tommy her manuscript to read over, and to finish. The manuscript is titled "The Fountain" and is a fairy-tale set in sixteenth-century Spain; and involves the search for eternal life. Sound familiar? This is where my sharp mind realized that the second parallel universe and Izzi's book are the same.

The third universe is the hardest to swallow: it occurs sometime in the far future with Jackman as a shaven-headed, meditative astronaut who floats towards a nebula in a bubble that contains this mysterious tree. Izzi also appears to him, but as a memory or ghost. The concept of floating toward the nebula actually makes sense in the context of Izzi's book, but I won't divulge it in the review.

Perhaps this conglomeration of three parallel universes sounds too folly-like and far-fetched, but it threads well with Aronoskfy's other major works, *Requiem for a Dream* and *Pi*. Both of these films deal with far more disturbing subject matter, but some how Aronoskfy makes it digestible through his directing and camera work. The sets are intriguing and intricate; the Tree of Life is mesmerizing in its beauty and also by its eerily human reactions: the hairs on its bark cringe whenever anyone touches it.

The Fountain is not about living forever as it is about the common human quest to stave off death, or prolong a life we don't want to give up. Despite every attempt to get ahead, it seems that some other force always has the upper hand. Medical research is always digging for new ways to enhance and extend life, but one wonders when it is time to stop.

Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz, through their solid acting and dedication to their parts, are able to hold together the film and make it easier to swallow. Through their talent, and the direction of Aronoskfy (who is also Weisz's husband), *The Fountain* brings new meaning to the meaning of life. Rating: B +

Photo from online source

The Fountain's **actors, Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz combined their skills in the film that attempts to bring new meaning to the meaning of life.**

Sherri is a senior English major and Film Studies minor with a severe caffeine addiction. She is also convinced that in one day her absurd life contains better material than 80% of the movies made today.

STA to keep Black Friday alive throughout the holiday season

DALLAS, Dec. 4 /PRNewswire/ -- STA Travel, the worldwide leader in student and youth travel, will keep Black Friday alive through the holiday season with exclusive Black and Blue Fridays each week.

Black and Blue Fridays are a continuation of the wildly successful Black and Blue Friday sale, which was first offered Nov. 24, 2006.

"Based on the tremendous response to this one-day sale, we felt inspired to spread more holiday cheer to our customers by offering them exclusive travel deals throughout the month of December," said Scott Hyden, President of STA Travel North America.

Each Friday through Dec. 22, 2006, STA Travel will offer a new group of discounted STA Travel Blue Ticket(TM) fares to a variety of popular domestic and international destinations.

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"STA Travel is leading the way in online travel shopping with Black and Blue Fridays by offering special travel deals specifically for students during the holiday season," said Kristen Celko, STA Travel North America - Vice President of Marketing/E-Commerce. "We look forward to starting a trend in online travel shopping during the holiday season by offering competitive prices to our customers," Celko said.

STA Travel is a full-service travel agency with over 70 retail locations in the United States. The STA Travel Blue Ticket(TM) offers students and travelers under the age of 26 key benefits of low price, flexibility, and on-the-road service. STA Travel also has extensive resources and expertise to service group clients, with its International Programs and Group Services division.

Multi-platinum hip-hop icon's new single holds #1 spot

Bow Wow's 'Shortie Like Mine' is America's #1 rap record three weeks in a row

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 /U-Wire/ -- The multi-platinum hip-hop icon Bow Wow is enjoying his third straight week of chart-topping success as "Shortie Like Mine," the first single from his eagerly-awaited fifth studio album, *The Price of Fame*, maintains its #1 slot on the Billboard Monitor Rap Chart for a third week while holding steady at #1 on the Urban Mainstream chart for the second week in a row.

Bow Wow's new album, *The Price of Fame*, is slated for release on Tuesday, December 19.

Produced by Bow Wow's longtime collaborator Jermaine Dupri and featuring the American R&B superstar Chris Brown, "Shortie Like Mine" is blowing up nationwide hitting millions of radio listeners in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Boston, Denver, Chicago, Sacramento, Portland, Orlando, Fresno, Knoxville, Washington DC and more.

"Shortie Like Mine" has been played more than 4,750,000 times on Bow Wow's MySpace page (www.myspace.com/bowwow). A video for "Shortie Like Mine" has been lensed in Los Angeles by acclaimed video and film director Bryan Barber (OutKast, "Idlewild") and addresses the burgeoning phenomenon of online social networking.

The Price of Fame is the first new studio album from Bow Wow since July 2005 when his RIAA platinum-certified *Wanted* debuted at #3 on the Billboard Top 200 and generated the smash singles "Let Me Hold You" (featuring Omarion) (#1 Rap, #2 R&B/Hip-Hop, #4 Hot 100) and "Like You" (featuring Ciara) (#1 Rap, #1 R&B Hip-Hop, #3 Hot 100).

Bow Wow -- whose film credits include "Like Mike" (one of the 50 Top Grossing films of 2002), "All About The Benjamins" (2003), "Johnson Family Vacation" (2004) and "Roll Bounce"-- may be seen in "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" as well as in an upcoming episode of "Smallville.

Bow Wow first burst on the scene back in 2000 -- under the wing of super producer Jermaine Dupri -- with his debut album, *Beware of Dog*, which went on to sell more than three million copies while solidifying his status as an authentic hip-hop heartthrob.

Bow Wow took his brand of rap to the next level with 2001's *Doggy Bag*, hitting the road in support of his multi-platinum sophomore CD with the sold-out "SCREAM Tour II," wowing fans all over the country with hits like "Take Ya Home" and "Thank You."

With his third album, 2003's *Unleashed*, Bow Wow became more directly involved with writing and producing his music, creating a collection directly from the heart, conveying a more personal overview of life from Bow Wow's perspective.

He is the youngest musician to open the Grammy Awards, is the first "kid" to be included in Vanity Fair's prestigious annual music issue (October 2001), and entered "The Guinness Book of World Records" as the youngest solo rapper to hit #1 on the U.S. charts.

Norma Jean's third album excels in lyrics

By Liz Suders
Staff writer

Norma Jean's third-studio album, *Redeemer*, exceeds expectations of the genre Christian Metal.

Upon first listening to Norma Jean's new album, I'll admit I cringed a bit. I'm quite the 'girly-girl' and metal is quite harsh, to be blunt. It was all a bit heavy for my tastes. But, determined as always to find a silver lining, I turned to www.letssingit.com, and looked up the lyrics.

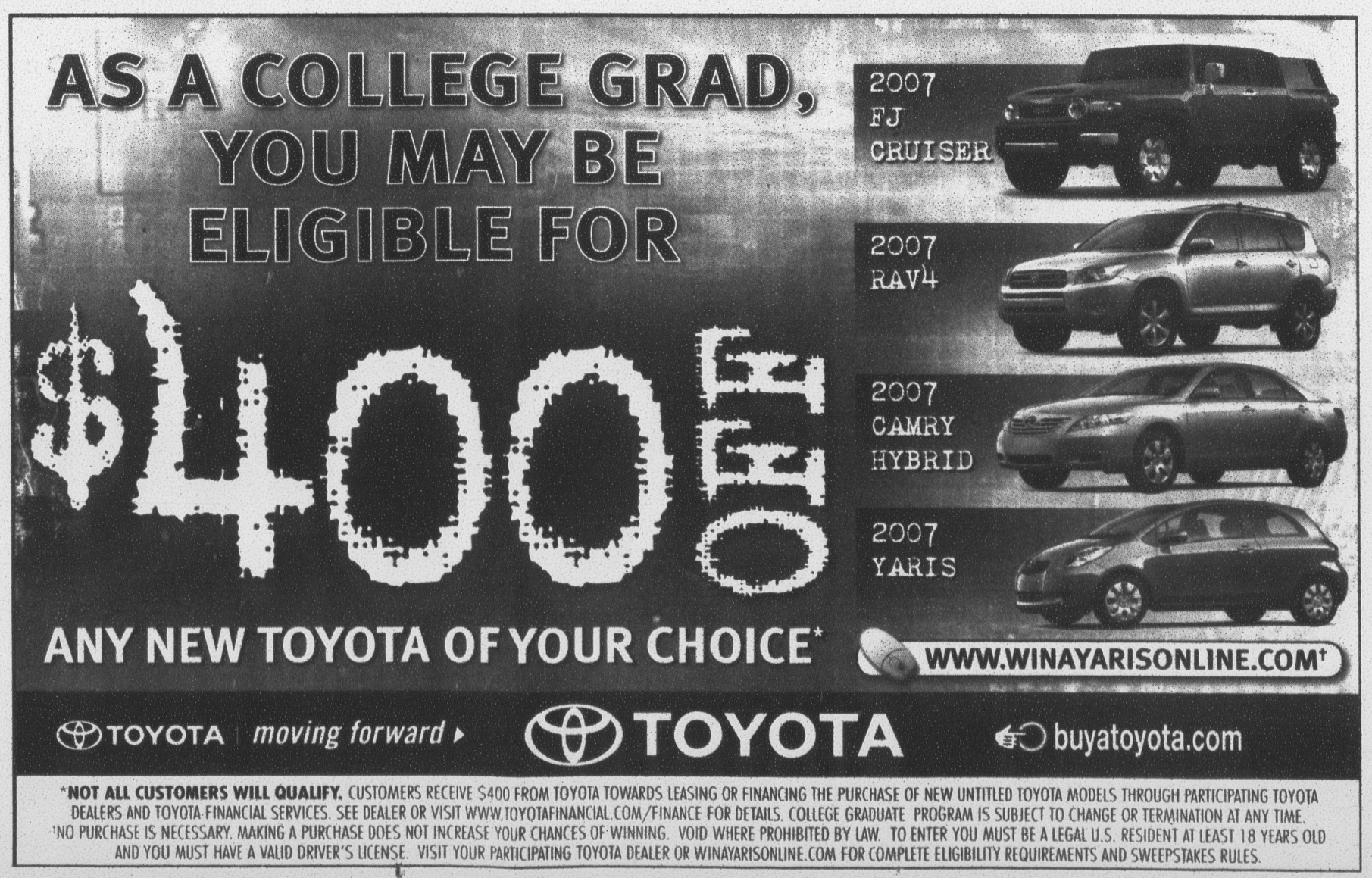
The lyrics displayed the makings of a great poet; I felt like I knew the band after reading through one of the songs. Soon I found myself reading the lyrics to every song and album I found and I fell in love with the band just for their lyrics.

The band debuted in 2002 with the release of *Bless the Martyr and Kiss the Child*. In 2005, with the release of their second studio album, *O' God, The Aftermath*, the band, comprised of Chris Day and Scottie Henry on guitars, Jake Schultz playing bass and Daniel Davison on drums saw a change in line-up with their new vocalist Cory Brandan.

The band felt that with Brandan they could take their sound to a new artful and technical level. The artwork on *O' God, The Aftermath* earned the band critical acclaim after Asterik Studios earned a Grammy nomination for it. The band then began a grueling tour on the second state at Ozzfest 2006. They have since released an extended version of *Aftermath*.

"Basically, we had too much material brewing inside us, and we wanted to get it out," said Davison. "We probably could've waited to record until we cut back on what we had. But when the opportunity to work with Ross [Ross Robinson; producer, *At the Drive-in, From First to Last, Sepultura*] came up, it just felt like; man, being in the studio with this guy is something I've wanted to do since I was 12. I'm gonna do anything to make it happen now."

So moral of the story: don't judge a band by their sound, look at their lyrics because that's where the soul is. If you like metal definitely check them out. If you don't like metal and you're like me and you search the internet aimlessly for hours at a time to avoid doing work, check them out too.



Calendar

December 8, 2006
11:30 AM Newman Club Exec Meeting -- MCC 255
11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:15 PM Academic Standards Committee Meetings -- Thompson-Clark 206
6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Ashland (H)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Gridiron Gang -- MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM Titan's Tavern -- Valley Below, JD Eicher and Nikky Douglas -- MCC Club/Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Last Kiss -- MCC Mueller Theater

December 9, 2006
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Bethany (H)
3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Sarah Timm -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
6:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

December 10, 2006
7:00 PM Christmas Vespers -- Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting -- Patterson 311/312

December 11, 2006
CLASSES END
9:00 AM Career Center Education Seminar -- MCC Witherspoon Maple
11:45 AM Residence Life Staff Holiday Party -- MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
5:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting -- Old Main 213
5:00 PM CPC Meeting -- MCC Club
7:30 PM Men's Basketball vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting -- MCC Witherspoon Maple

December 12, 2006
Reading Day
11:00 AM Support Staff Christmas Luncheon -- MCC Witherspoon
5:30 PM Praise Team -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM Seekers Reading Day Eve Party -- MCC Club/Lounge

December 13, 2006
Final Exams
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mathematics and Computer Science Capstone Presentations -- MCC Carlson Atrium (Level Three)

December 14, 2006
Final Exams
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM President's Community and Campus Christmas Open House -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms
4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: Discussion of Ironman by Chris Crutcher -- Mugsies
6:00 PM Psychology Department Capstone Presentations -- Hoyt 150, 152, 165, 166

December 15, 2006
Final Exams

December 16, 2006
HANUKKAH BEGINS
Final Exams
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

December 18, 2006
Women's Basketball at Bahamas Sunshine Shootout

December 19, 2006
All Final Grades Due by Noon
Women's Basketball at Bahamas Sunshine Shootout
7:30 PM Men's Basketball vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Vienna Choir Boys, "Christmas in Vienna" -- Orr Auditorium

December 21, 2006
6:00 PM Men's Basketball at Hanover (IN)

December 25, 2006
CHRISTMAS DAY- College Closed

December 26, 2006
KWANZAA BEGINS- College Closed

December 29, 2006
Men's Basketball at Marietta Shrine Tournament

December 30, 2006
Men's Basketball at Marietta Shrine Tournament

December 31, 2006
NEW YEAR'S EVE

January 1, 2007
NEW YEAR'S DAY- College Closed

January 2, 2007
6:00 PM Women's Basketball at Carnegie Mellon

January 5, 2007
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming at Occidental (CA)

January 6, 2007
2:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Thomas More (H)
4:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Thomas More (H)

January 10, 2007
6:00 PM Women's Basketball at St. Vincent
8:00 PM Men's Basketball at St. Vincent

January 13, 2007
Women's Basketball at Waynesburg
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Baldwin Wallace (H)
7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Waynesburg

January 15, 2007
Residence Halls Open at Noon-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 16, 2007
Transfer Students' Orientation
6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming at Grove City

January 17, 2007
CLASSES BEGIN
6:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Grove City (H)
8:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Grove City (H)

January 19, 2007
Last Day to Register Before Late Fee Applies
11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

January 20, 2007
Sorority Bid Day
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Saint Vincent (H)
2:00 PM Women's Basketball at Bethany
4:00 PM Men's Basketball at Bethany
4:30 PM Swim Team Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms
7:00 PM Mass -- Wallace Memorial Chapel
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (2 Vans) -- Meet at MCC Entrance

January 21, 2007
2:00 PM Titan Football Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms
7:00 PM Vespers -- Martin Luther King Remembrance -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

January 22, 2007
11:40 AM Chapel -- Wallace Memorial Chapel

January 23, 2007
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM FBLA Region 2 Competition -- MCC Witherspoon, MCC Club, and Patterson Hall

January 24, 2007
Last Day to Add/Drop with No Fee
6:00 PM Women's Basketball at Thiel
8:00 PM Men's Basketball at Thiel

January 25, 2007
8:00 PM VISA Fair (Volunteers in Service and Action) -- MCC WItherspoon Rooms

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Last Week's Answers

Crossword

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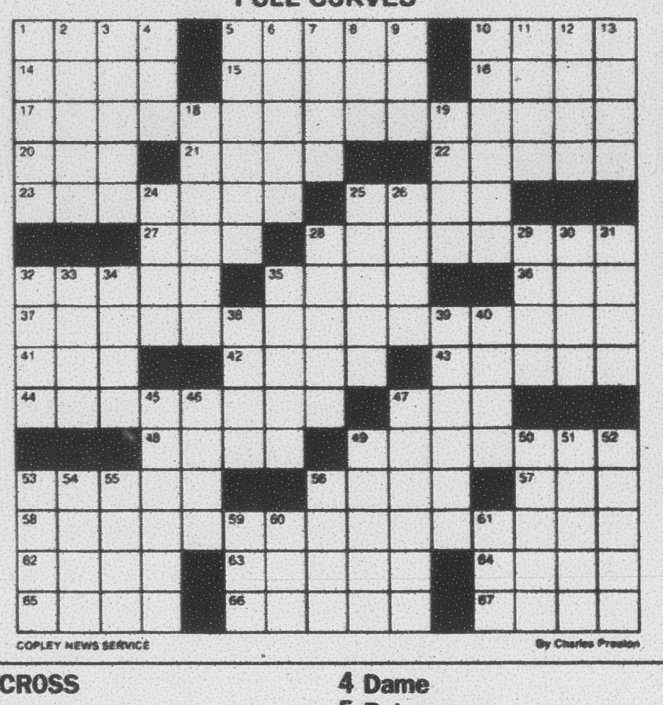

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25 Good's nemesis
27 Polo shirt relative
28 Emotional collapse
32 Bulgaria's capital
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36 Caviar base
37 Prepare for attack
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38 Author Bagnold
39 One-celled creatures
40 Fork over
45 Certain skirts
46 Balmy
47 Privileges
49 Ovid's language
50 Actor/advocate Christopher
51 Once more
52 British nobles
53 Egg on
54 Niche
55 Melody
56 Astonish
59 Running partner?
60 NE school, in Kingston
61 Bark sharply

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The spotlight shines on you in the professional arena. Show off your newly acquired talents and skills. Make a powerful and impressive statement.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Information from a confession will cause you to rethink prior decisions that you made. Rise above judgment and be guided by logic.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Get your budget and spending under control. It may be necessary to sacrifice a few purchases in order to stay within a predetermined credit limit.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Strive to be more attentive or communicative with a partner or mate. Be willing to go the extra mile to make him or her feel special.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You are in line for high praise or low criticism. Apply your time and energy toward getting good grades on work-related tasks or assignments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Enjoy life in the fast lane. Fasten your seatbelt while maneuvering around and through some very interesting romantic or social curves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Embrace the urge to make changes around the house. From moving the furniture to painting walls, you should be able to complete the desired improvements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Plan an activity or find a good reason for getting together with siblings, peers or friends. Events that include laughter and nurturing are encouraged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This is a great time to collect on monies that are owed to you. Approach your debtors with plans for repayment or resolution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Several high energy and personally invigorating activities are charted for you this week. Get a fresh start and go the distance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It is OK to take a back seat and play a supporting role this week. Put your strongest or most capable team members out in front and relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Avoid mistakes or misunderstandings down the road. Make sure that your intentions are spoken out loud and made perfectly clear to friends or associates.

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MCKELVEY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern - Valley Below, JD Eicher, & Nikky Douglas
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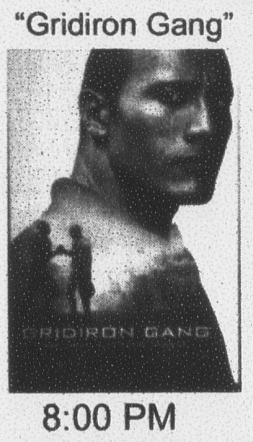
"Gridiron Gang"


8:00 PM
10:30 PM
3:00 PM
Movies Playing at Mueller Theater
Friday
Saturday
Sunday
"The Last Kiss"
Zach Braff
Jacinda Barrett
Casey Affleck
Rachel Bilson
with Blythe Danner
and Tom Wilkinson
The Last Kiss

10:30 PM
8:00 PM
9:00 PM
Monday Night Football!! 8:30 PM Club Room
December 11th Chicago at St. Louis
Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information
COMING SOON...
Jan. 20 Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 26 Jazz Concert
Jan. 27 Chapel Staff Benefit Concert
Feb. 2 Amnesty Intl. Poetry Contest
Feb. 3 Night Owl Bowling
Feb. 10 Murder Mystery Dinner
Feb. 16 Mardi Gras
Feb. 16 Titan's Tavern
Feb. 17 Night Owl Bowling
Mar. 16 Titan's Tavern
Mar. 17 Night Owl Bowling
Mar. 23 Jazz Concert
Movies provided by Club Room
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Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.

Features

The perks of being Oxfordian

Students abroad discuss experiences, encourage others to follow

By Jennie Pride, Suzie DiFonzo, and Katie Pride
Contributing writers

I could not be arsed to run up the apples and pears to answer the dog and bone, because I was too knackered from hoovering.

During our time in England, not only were we educated in the classroom by professors, but also latently educated by every lad we met through our travels.

Throughout our time in Oxford, we have been blessed with the good, the bad, and the ugly of host families. However, no matter what type of family we lived with, we all walked away with a new life experience we will never forget.

We learned how to read time charts, use the metro system and most significantly fend for ourselves in the city. Upon our arrival in England, we felt overwhelmed by our new surroundings, but that quickly faded away as we felt at home.

"I was pretty nervous to meet my family; however, I quickly learned that having multiple younger siblings was fun," said sophomore Kelsi Daloisio. "Also, the perk of living with a family that owns a pub wasn't too bad either."

While getting acquainted with the culture here in England, we ventured out to our fair share of local pubs. It was at these local pubs that we learned about the popularity of pub quizzes. As if we did not get enough random quizzes during classes, "Team Awesome" and "Team BTF" decided to try our luck at one of these quizzes held at the local Turf Tavern in Oxford.

"We started off rough," said sophomore Jacob Shaffer, "but we nailed the question about when the American holiday of Thanksgiving was celebrated."

However, those were not the only quizzes we were taking as we were constantly challenged in the classroom. Studying the history of modern Europe and architecture holds a brand new meaning when the picturesque buildings surround us.

We can jump on a bus to London, at any time during the day, and see the building we are learning about in class. For example, we visited places such as St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London and the Globe Theater, to name a few. These buildings were all encompassed by our cluster course.

"I love going to London and being able to play tour guide," said sophomore John Marlowe. "I could not imagine being here and not studying about Europe."

Oxford has been an amazing experience from the start. We knew as we waved good-bye to our families at the Pittsburgh airport in September that our lives would never be the same.

However, we never knew how much it would change us and the new friendships that would be formed. Whether working through cultural differences, taking pub quizzes or spending time in the classroom, we leave with very few regrets.

We will never again be able to look at a map of England and not think of it as our second home. As we pack our rollers, say ta-ta to the Oxford tube and hear that last "ello darlin'" from our host dad Tony, we are sure it will be a tearful goodbye.

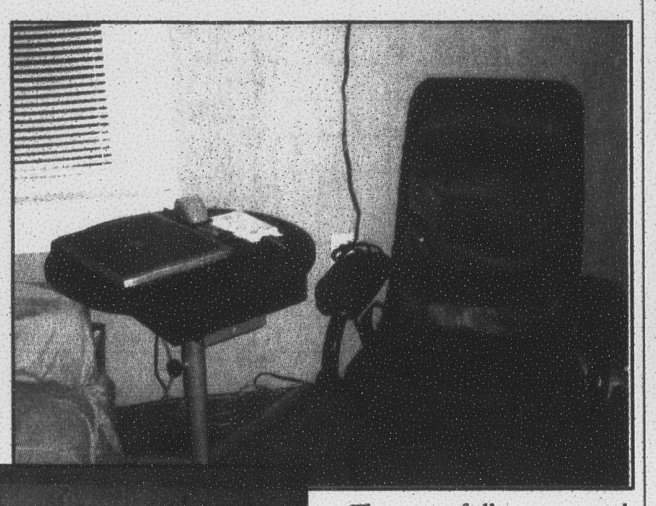
For those of you who are contemplating being a part of the 2007 Westminster at Oxford group, in the words of our new Welsh friend Laura, "If you have any hesitation, just (beep) do it!" Cheers!

WC Cribs

This week, Features Editor Jenn Corkadel takes us down to Joe Medianowsky's classy pad in Phi Tau

Phi Tau was built specifically as a fraternity house; the smaller rooms allow a greater number of brothers to live in the house and the unique floor plan also gives some interesting angles, like the area around Joe's doorway.

Though not a typical desk area, Joe's setup gives studying its own place while not requiring division in the room.



The carefully arranged Christmas decorations are high enough to ensure partygoers do not disturb them, but are still visible to give great visual appeal.

Joe's "family" paddles and corner lighting are a welcome surprise just inside the doorway. Though it's hard to see here, the Christmas tree has miniature ornaments in addition to lights.

The shelving displays the neatness characteristic of the room, and the photograph above this television catches one's attention immediately upon entering.

If you'd like your residence to be featured, let us know! Contact information for *The Holcad* is in the staff box on the Opinion page.

1971: sit-ins for equality

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

"Shall it for shame be spoken in these days, or fill up chronicles in time to come, that men of your nobility and power did gage them both in an unjust behalf." Hotspur (King Henry IV Part I 1.3.170-4).

In the middle 1960s, Westminster College showed enormous growth and times for the college and its students looked favorable. Coach Harold Burry's football team completed Burry's third undefeated season in 1964. Wes Craven entered the English department as a professor in 1964 for one year.

In 1965, Westminster's faculty exceeded 100 people for the first time. In 1966 laborers finished the construction of the Gateway faculty housing development, the Beeghly Theater, a new wing to McGill Library and Eichenauer Hall while new renovation projects worked on Brittain Lake and new athletic fields.

A new president, Dr. Charles F. Saylor, took office in 1967 promising better cooperation between faculty, students, administration, the Board, and alumni. In 1969, two black professors–John Bush in Sociology and Harold Davis in Physical Education–broke Westminster College's color frontier when they became the College's first two professors of color.

Westminster College appeared to grow positively amongst the chaos of political and social unrest that characterized America in the 1960s. However, in May of 1971 an alleged racist statement tarnish Westminster College's good luster and received much attention.

On Friday, May 14, 1971, the Black Student Union published an article printed on the second page of *The Holcad* that explained one student worker's witness of a racist statement.

Sue Perrin overheard a faculty worker say on Tuesday May 11, "we should put all the jungle bunnies out to pasture. We don't want to insult the cows." In the same article the BSU stated that its organization, "commits itself to discouraging further participation in athletics by future incoming black students."

A meeting was soon held by the Black Student Union and SHARE (Society for Human Awareness and Racial Equality), and the person who allegedly made the racist comment adamantly denied the accusation.

Westminster College investigated the incident; the alleged statement was supposed to reference a network television program.

35 students unsatisfied with seemingly conflicting stories held a sit-in on chairs, desks and on the floor of Old Main. The students held the sit-in to obtain an explanation from the new president, Dr. Carlson.

The Dean of Students eventually obtained an injunction–a legal device in which a court can order a group to cease a particular action. When students found that the injunction had been written up and signed without the protesting student's knowledge, three male students drove to New Castle to argue against the injunction and were arrested.

That evening William Kunstler, the liberal defense attorney for the famous Chicago 7 and the Berrigans, came to speak at Westminster College. Upon hearing of the recent incidents, Kunstler sparked greater passion from protesting student when he stated that the injunction was unconstitutional as it limited the right of non-violent protest and claimed that the injunction was illegally drafted.

The students held another sit-in, this time in the hallways of Old Main, and issued several demands, which the college respected and apparently adopted, as a front page article explains in the final *Holcad* publication of the 1971. The school would "increase the number of Black speakers on campus, commit to increase the number of Black students, hire Black recruiters, establish a 'minority people's scholarship' and establish a Black studies program."

By the first *Holcad* edition of 1972, tensions seemed to be quelled as a published article by the Black Student Union did not mention the incident of the prior year.

It speaks to the longstanding character of Westminster's body that students and faculty alike would demonstrate against injustice and adamantly continue to pursue righteousness until fitfully restored.

Something from the heart!

Joselyn shares a Christmas memory and thanks for generous giving

Joselyn Parker
Features Columnist

This article will be different from the ones that I've written in the past. It's not going to have any political or racial undertone.

It's not going to go into details about something that I saw on a television program; it's not even going to discuss the "politically correct" way to use certain words that have manifested themselves into the English language. This article is coming straight from my heart.

Some time ago there was a young man who grew up in extremely poor. He was the fifth child of 10, which made things even harder because he was right in the middle.

There were times when this young boy cried at night and prayed for the day that things would change for him; he prayed for a day to come where he wasn't worried about his next meal or moving from location to location.

Christmas season would come for him and his family, but it wasn't an exciting time for him as it was for most kids. His parents did the best that they could in providing for their children, but everyone knew that money spent on Christmas presents for 10 was not something that they could afford.

When other children would come back to school from their Christmas break bragging about all of the things that they had received, this boy would use his imagination to come up with tales of the wonderful gifts that he too had gotten; but in reality, there was nothing.

I often hear that same young boy, married with children of his own, reflect on one specific Christmas that he had growing up. He recalls it being like the others, just another day.

He went down to his stocking to find a few pieces of candy and an orange (his parents always made sure that had at least that much). While sorting through that candy with his brother and sister, he never realized that his father was not in the house.

Around 6:00 that evening, the young boy was startled by a noise. As the sound got closer he distinctly heard, "HO HO HO, Merry Christmas!"

Excitement rushed through his small body, and he ran to the door to find his father carrying a large bag.

The presents they received that day were very small in size, but that day those gifts seemed large in the eyes of that boy and his siblings. That, to him, was Christmas.

His family didn't have much money, they couldn't afford all of the fancy decorations and they never even dreamed of making a "list" of things that they wanted, but in that instant they were on top of the world.

Growing up for the young boy was often devastating. One day in particular he remembers standing outside on top of the building where he and his family lived, and with tears in his eyes, he vowed to make more of his life.

He promised himself that his children would never have to suffer as he had done, and that someday, somehow, his life would change for the better.

That little boy grew up to be the owner of a very successful drywall company. He kept his promise of not letting his children bear the pain of life in poverty.

But the best thing about this man, in my opinion, is that he didn't stop with his own children. He recently opened a community center in the heart of the inner city, where there are tons of little boys and girls with who he relates to on so many levels.

He recognizes the look of pain in some of their eyes because that look used to be his own. He and his wife, who also is a huge part of the community center, want to show these children a better way. They want to let them know that somebody loves them and that regardless of their circumstances they can overcome.

Weeks ago, I started a Free Hugs campaign; it was amazing to see the chain grow and know that each person was linked together in some way. That's the same way that I feel about this situation.

That man is my father. He has taught me more in my life about persevering than I could have ever learned anywhere. Listening to him speak is like hearing the greatest story of survival never told.

It was him and my mom who sacrificed so much, neither of them able to attend college, but fighting so that their daughter would have the opportunity to attend one of the best colleges in the nation. And they keep fighting, with hopes that the children whom come to the community center will be able to turn their situations around.

With all that said, I want to thank you, Westminster College's students, faculty and staff, from the bottom of my heart for your donations toward our Black Student Union's Adopt-a-Community campaign.

I couldn't have dreamed that there would be so many people who cared as much for these children as you do.

My heart fills with joy to think that with your help, we are going to be able to prevent some of these kids from reaching into their imaginations only to dream up a Christmas as my dad did years ago. We are going to be able to see the twinkle in a small child's eye because this Christmas won't be just another day for them.

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My father's life went the way that it did for a reason. It went that way so that he would know that struggle, and fight with all that he had to prevent it from happening to his children.

It happened because a greater power knew that he and my mom would have me for a daughter, and that I would need that drive that he has in order to fulfill the call on my life.

It happened so that he would be led to open the Youth Center, and finally it happened so that this college would play a huge part in putting a smile on the faces of some kids who could really use one.

It all links together. That's what Christmas is about; It's not about the presents, it's not even about the amount of money that you donate; this is about the heart! Merry Christmas, Westminster!

Joselyn is a senior public relations major who loves giving her own insight to things that are happening around her. She is involved in Dance Theater, Dance Team, Black Student Union, and Student Government on-campus, and teaches dance.